

COMMENT OF  
THE DAY

Vague Proposals

THE plea that Hongkong industry needs help has, as a generalisation, a certain superficial appeal that is bound to meet with many echoes of approval. It is generally accepted now that the Colony's economic salvation lies largely with industrial development. The situation may change with the easing of the embargo but it is fashionable at the moment to look to industry to make good the decline in the entrepot and to provide alternative employment for the Colony's unemployed thousands.

But it is much more difficult to say how industry can be nurtured and growth fostered. At the annual meeting of Wheelock, Marden & Co. Ltd. on Friday, Mr. G. E. Marden threw out a couple of hints, but as they stand they are much too broad and vague to become a serious point of discussion. It is a pity he did not make himself clearer for the general public is left to guess the meaning of his remarks.

ON the broad principles enunciated in his speech—such as, that ways and means should be found to relieve unemployment—there will be little dispute. But Mr. Marden does not carry his proposals to the stage where he advocates directly any course of action for Government to consider. Even if he provides what proves to be a bone of contention, at least it is something which the authorities and the public can chew—and, to carry the metaphor a little farther, from digestion of its marrow may come fresh ideas.

His allusions to the high cost of capital, land and buildings rather suggest that he thinks subsidies may be one way of tackling this problem—subsidies to industrialists. If this is his line of thought, he may consider that Government loans or reduced prices for new reclaimed land would provide welcome assistance. This suggestion has superficial appeal but there are many objections in principle—particularly if Big Business is to benefit.

Some merchants are bound to grumble that little was done to relieve their plight after the imposition of the embargo on the China trade. Established industrialists who have struggled against the very difficulties of which Mr. Marden complains—and have succeeded—may have justifiably resent Government assistance to new participants in the industrial race. And at any rate it is a fair thing as far as the taxpayer is concerned that Government should be able to recover the cost of reclaiming new land for industry from those who will directly benefit.

LOANS to industry—provided by local or overseas capital—may help and there should be some scope here for a local industrial finance corporation. As for the high cost of capital, some will wonder why Government has been asked to help—why not the banks? Some banks are already trying to accommodate industry's needs on slightly better terms than those to other categories of borrowers. And few would welcome an appearance of Government controls which could at best only emphasise the discrimination that exists in the prevailing tight money conditions.

But it is hard to consider this particular problem in its existing uncrystallised state. Some clear statement of views would be welcome. No one questions that industry should be helped as much as possible—for it is in the Colony's interest. But how to do it is another question entirely.

# Pro-German Parties Win Another Record For Saar Elections

## BUT LACK MAJORITY TO AMEND CONSTITUTION

### Sabotage In Singapore

Singapore, Dec. 18. Despite an hour's police vigil against sabotage, ten overhead telephone wires were mysteriously cut and stolen near a European residential area in Singapore today.

Severed wires were detected in the afternoon when subscribers living in the area complained to the fault control room of the Singapore Telephone Board.

Several linesmen on the loyal staff of the board, whose 285 field workers have been on strike since November 11, were sent to make a check.

They found that the wires had not only been severed but also removed.

Repair works are being carried out.

Police have offered a reward of \$10,000 for information leading to the arrest of the saboteurs when overhead telephone cables were found cut yesterday.—Reuter.

### Runaway Plane Brings Disaster

Lincoln, Nebraska, Dec. 18. A flame-spewing runaway jet plane spilling its moorings at the Lincoln Air Force Base today, crashed into four planes and killed three persons including its pilot.

The pilot was Lt. Vernon Chapman Jr., 25, of Grand Island, Nebraska, who had won seven Air Medals while a naval aviator during the Korean war. He had been discharged from the service two years ago today and had been on active duty as a reservist.

Two enlisted men, both full-time active reservists, were in the hangar at the time the jet smashed into it and were believed killed. They were Air Controlman 1/c Kenneth Cecil Newman, 24, of Lincoln and Air Controlman 3/c Hubert Lee Tracy, 29, of Lincoln.—United Press.

### Chu Teh Arrives In Moscow

Moscow, Dec. 18. The Chinese Deputy President, Chu Teh, arrived in Moscow today at the head of a Government delegation which will visit Rumania and East Germany, Tass, the Soviet news agency, reported.

They arrived by train and were met at the station by Soviet Deputy Premier, Mr. Anastas Mikoyan, and the Foreign Minister, Mr. Molotov.—Reuter.

### TUT, TUT! SUCH GOINGS-ON IN WHITEHALL!

London, Dec. 18. The sitting Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, tomorrow will receive pictures of a blonde provocatively attired in little more than her birthday suit.

The pictures, a gift of a Socialist Member of Parliament, Mr. Arthur Lewis, are not a "get well" present. Mr. Lewis is a married 38-year-old Shirley Crawford danced—as illustrated—at a stag party in a building belonging to Her Majesty's Government. Photographs of Shirley in her silver paint and a half-naked pose, Mr. Lewis said, will be sent to Mr. Anthony Eden.

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Saarbruecken, Dec. 18. Provisional final results of the Saar election were: Christian Democrats 149,516, Saar Democratic Party 142,592, Christian People's Party 128,648, Social Democrats 84,408, Communists 38,696, Saar Social Democrats 34,284.

Distribution of the 50 seats in the new parliament was not to be announced until later, but since a strict proportional system is used, the final lineup is likely to be:

Christian Democratic Union, 13, Saar Democratic Party 12, Christian People's Party, 11, German Social Democrats eight, Communists three, Saar Social Democrats three.

Dr. Ney, Dr. Schneider and Herr Kurt Conrad, leader of the German Social Democrats, failed to win together the three-quarters majority necessary for an amendment to the constitution, which ties the Saar economically to France.

Their three parties, which defeated the European Saar Statute by their joint action last October, will thus have to rely for amendments on the support of the two parties which made up the pro-French government from 1947 until October this year.

These are the Christian People's Party of the former Premier, Herr Johannes Hoffman, and the Saar Social Democrats of Herr Richard Kira.

Formation of a new government, to be delayed until the New Year, is expected to be difficult.

Dr. Ney, with the support of Dr. Konrad Adenauer, West German Chancellor, is understood to be strongly opposed to forming a coalition with Dr. Schneider's party, which has many former Nazis, including its leader.

Dr. Ney is not strong enough to form a government with only Herr Hoffman's party. None of the other parties is likely to consent to a coalition under Dr. Schneider's leadership.

#### POSSIBLE SOLUTION

Political observers thought that the solution might be to have a wide coalition of parties under the present non-party caretaker Premier, Herr Heinrich Welsch.

Dr. Schneider's party, the "dark horse" of the elections, ran neck and neck with the Christian Democrats when returns began to come in from big industrial areas.

The party, which has played an anti-French sentiment in the campaign, took a narrow lead with two-fifths of the 600,000 votes counted, but Dr. Ney's party later forged ahead.

With the chief political question of a return to Germany settled by the October plebiscite, the main question in today's election was what party or group of parties would supervise the operation.

The programmes of Dr. Ney's and Dr. Schneider's parties differ only in nuances. Dr. Schneider does not recognise any French rights in the Saar, but Dr. Ney is prepared to adopt a half-way economic position with full political attachment to Germany.

West German politicians today hailed the vote in the Saar elections as a further indication that the important industrial territory desires reunification with Germany.

Shirley's nude dance routine was allowed at a postman's party in a Treasury building. Mr. Lewis said the pictures were not object to pretty young ladies dancing in the nude but said he felt such a dance was beneath the dignity of Whitehall, the seat of government.

The more than 100 guests in the Post Office party did not consider the dirty dance beneath the dignity of any building. At least, no other objections were raised.

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### Germ Bombs Stockpile To Be Scrapped

From CHAPMAN PINCHER

London, Dec. 18. A plan to stockpile germ bombs for immediate retaliation against any enemy which might start a germ warfare has been scrapped by the British government.

Plans to manufacture large quantities of special vaccines as a precaution against a germ attack have also been scrapped.

The bulk of effort at the £5,000,000 germ warfare station on Salisbury Plain will be switched to non-secret medical and agricultural problems.

The defence chiefs have recommended these moves because super H-bombs have made the risk of germ warfare negligible.

They believe no enemy would start a war with a germ attack as this would bring swift retaliation with H-bombs.

To keep the brilliant scientific team together a limited amount of military research is to continue under the leadership of Dr. David Henderson.—London Express Service.

### Cypriots & Greeks Demonstrate In London

London, Dec. 18. Two hundred Cypriots and Greeks marched from Hyde Park through London streets today shouting "Stop Nazi rule in Cyprus" and "Withdraw British soldiers from our land." Many of the slogans were chanted in Greek.

Among the marchers, many of whom carried banners with slogans, was a ten-year-old schoolboy.

In Nicosia, Field Marshal Sir John Harding, British Governor of Cyprus, today rejected a protest by Archbishop Makarios against intervention of security forces at the funeral yesterday of the island's No. 3 terrorist.

The Governor said it was "repugnant to me that any disturbance should take place at a funeral" but pointed out that the terrorist, Charalambos Mouskos, was "an outlaw who two days before had taken part in ambushing and murdering a British soldier."

The chairman of the main parliamentary group of the government party, the Christian Democrats, sister party of the Saar Christian Democrats who headed the poll, called the result "a great success for the Christian Democratic Union."

He said it showed that the previous composition of the state parliament, elected in 1952 when the pro-German parties were banned, had not been in accordance with the will of the Saar population.

Dr. Thomas Dehler, chairman of the Free Democrats, and main figure in his party's current foreign policy disagreement with the Christian Democrats, said the high poll of the Saar Democrats, the Free Democratic Party's counterpart, would have repercussions in West Germany.

Political observers took Dehler to mean that the strong position of the Saar Democrats in future Saar coalition negotiations might strengthen the Free Democrats within the Bonn coalition.

The Press chief of the Social Democratic opposition, Herr Fritz Heine, said the Saar population had once more made a declaration of faith in Germany. He said the course of international co-operation would not be changed.

Heine indicated that the Social Democrats consider that the autonomist Saar Social Democrats, whose poll reached only about six per cent, were bound now to dissolve or merge with the German Social Democrats of the Saar who polled about 16 per cent.—Reuter.

MAKARIOS' PROTEST

The Archbishop, leader of the Cyprus campaign for union with Greece, had protested earlier today to the Governor against the use of teargas and baton charges by troops and police in dispersing crowds at the funeral of his cousin, who was shot by a British major during a terrorist ambush.

Sir John Harding said "responsibility for any disturbance must rest squarely on the shoulders of those who deliberately disregarded instructions by the authorities."

He said that although Mouskos was an outlaw "I decided not to ban a funeral service and burial in Nicosia."

"In the interests of law and order it was on my instructions, made clear to you and the public that only relatives, clergy and pallbearers would be permitted to accompany the cortege from the church to the cemetery."

This condition was disregarded by many members of the public and security forces were compelled to intervene."

Weatherford, Texas, Dec. 18. The new pastor of the Harmony Baptist Church was shot to death in his backyard by a member of his former congregation who walked through the gate, fired six shots and then turned around and walked away, the police reported today.

Walter Vaughn, 47, of Denver City, Texas, farmer and father of three children, fatally wounded the Rev. Chester Stevens, 39, before at least two witnesses, the authorities said.

Mr. Stevens moved to Weatherford two months ago from Denver City, where Vaughn attended his church, the County Attorney, Roy Grogan, said. The authorities checked both here and in Denver City for a possible motive to the shooting.

A policeman found Vaughn walking down a street and arrested him with no trouble. Mr. Grogan said Vaughn had made a formal statement but it would be withheld pending further investigation.

Mayor Oran Byrd of Denver City said he knew of no past trouble between the two men.—United Press.

### INCIDENTS IN CASABLANCA

Casablanca, Dec. 18. Terrorists killed two Moroccan soldiers and wounded four others in a series of attacks carried out in the Casablanca area today.

Two of the victims were shot dead with revolvers and two others were wounded.

A longshoreman was beaten up with a club and a drunken Moroccan was manhandled by a mob. Moroccan soldiers drove away a mob of rioting French soldiers.

### CROSSES CANADA IN 3HRS, 55 MINUTES

Toronto, Dec. 18.

Flying at speeds up to 570 miles an hour, Britain's trim Comet jetliner streaked across western Canada today from Vancouver to land at Toronto's Malton Airport at 2.50 p.m. only three hours and 55 minutes after leaving the west coast.

Piloted by Group Captain "Cat's Eyes" Cunningham, the flight of the Comet broke all commercial records for the Vancouver to Toronto run.

The four-jet, 60 to 76-passenger aircraft had broken the record on the Honolulu to Vancouver hop, and was demonstrated in Australia last week, where it received a rapturous welcome after flying from Britain on the first half of an around-the-world proving flight.

The plane, described as a "development aircraft" for the slightly different Comet 1C, which will go into production in 1958—is similar but larger than an earlier model stored in Toronto by the Royal Canadian Air Force.

The plane carried the markings of the state-owned British Overseas Airways Corporation, which ordered 20 Mark 1's for delivery in 1958.

The aircraft will be used between London and New York—and perhaps London to Montreal. The flight has been described by the British Government's information service as strictly a De Havilland venture.

where it swooped low to give Victorians a good look at the sleek craft.—United Press.

Knowland's Hint To Ike

Washington, Dec. 18. Friends of Senator William Knowland, the Republican Senate leader, said today that he was unwilling to delay his entry into the contest for the Republican presidential nomination to await a decision by President Eisenhower.

These friends told American reporters that Senator Knowland, the California leader of the Republican right-wing, had informed Mr. Eisenhower of his view that potential candidates could not afford to wait until February before acting to get their names on primary election ballots.

President Eisenhower's doctor, Major-General Howard Snyder, has said he feels the President should wait "at least until mid-February" before deciding whether he is well enough to run for office again.—Reuter.

DOZENS DIE IN FLASH FLOODS

Beirut, Dec. 18. At least 90 people were killed and hundreds are missing, as a result of sudden floods which swept through the town of Tripoli in Northern Lebanon, during the night.

In Tripoli, itself, 83 persons lost their lives. The river Abouali overflowed its banks, and washed away three bridges. It was stated.—France-Press.

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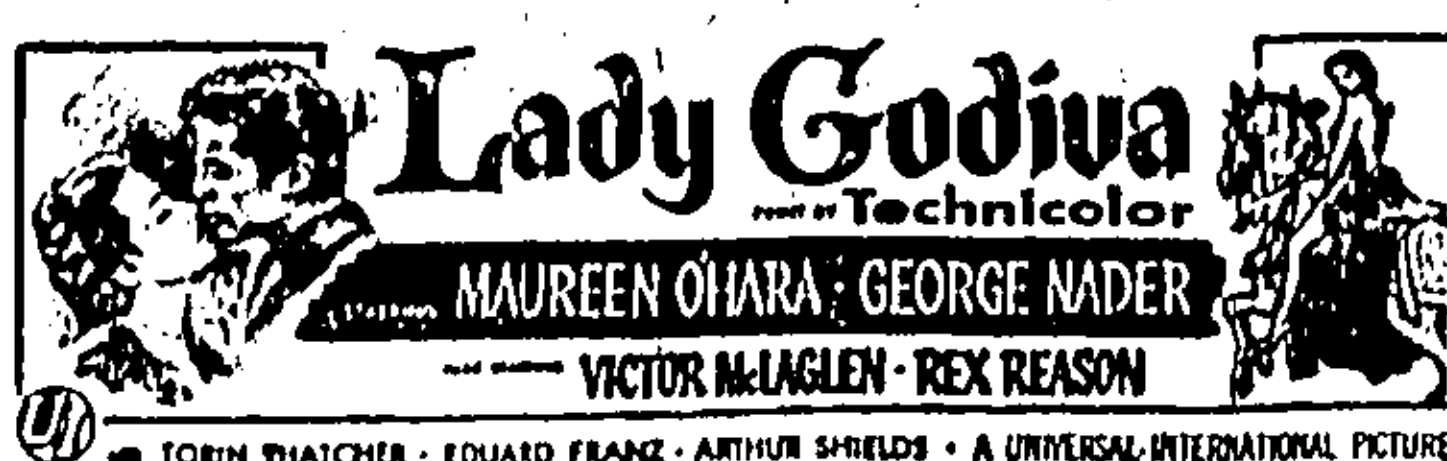
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Tuesday, 20th Dec.	Tuesday, 20th Dec.
2.30, 5.10, 7.20 & 9.40 "RHAPSODY" Elizabeth Taylor Vittorio Gassman	2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 "MEN OF THE FIGHTING LADY" Van Johnson Walter Pidgeon
Wednesday, 21st Dec.	Wednesday, 21st Dec.
"MEN OF THE FIGHTING LADY" Van Johnson Walter Pidgeon	"GREEN FIRE" Stewart Granger Grace Kelly

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NEXT CHANGE

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# UNITED NATIONS MEMBERSHIP

## Nehru Appeals For Japan And Outer Mongolia

New Delhi, Dec. 18.

Mr Nehru, Indian Prime Minister, said here today that he hoped Outer Mongolia and Japan would soon be admitted to the United Nations and occupy their respective places in the world body.

Mr Nehru said: "Japan is a big country and should be there. Outer Mongolia is not so big, but is an independent country. It would have been better if both countries had been admitted along with 16 others into the United Nations."

## Former POWs Denied Benefits

Washington, Dec. 18. SENATE investigators disclosed today that the government is denying cash benefits due more than 250 former Korean war prisoners because of "secret" Army collaboration charges.

The Senate Sub-committee on Constitutional Rights said it has opened an investigation to determine whether the government action is constitutional. It wants to know if the men are being branded traitors—"a badge of infamy"—without proper trial.

The Sub-committee, headed by Sen. Thomas C. Hennings, Jr., said 80 per cent of the men denied benefits have received honourable discharges. Some, it said, have re-enlisted and are serving on regular Army duties.

### New Inquiry

The War Claims Act provides that the foreign claims settlement commission pay service men \$250 for each day they were held captive by the Reds in Korea. No payment can be made to men who "voluntarily, knowingly and without duress" collaborated with the enemy.

The Sub-committee, which recently investigated the government's security programme, said it opened its new inquiry after members of Congress and others protested that men were being denied payments "on the basis of secret information provided by the Department of the Army."—United Press.

## DEFINITION OF POLITICS

London, Dec. 18. A Conservative member of Parliament, Mr Peter Remnant, defined politics as "the art of looking for trouble, finding it whether it is there or not, diagnosing it wrongly and applying the incorrect cure."

Mr Remnant was speaking at a luncheon given by the British Association of Machine Tool Merchants.—China Mail Special.

## EARTH TREMOR

Nantes, Dec. 18. Frightened people fled from their homes here today and told police that an earth tremor was shaking the building.

There are no instruments to record earth tremors, but the Weather Bureau registered a sudden "vertical" fall of the barometer for a few moments at the time of the reported tremor.—China Mail Special.

## MAJESTIC

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## PEARL OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC

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"THE NIGHT MY NUMBER CAME UP"

### Rightful Place

Mr Nehru referred to the question of Chinese representation in the United Nations and said the exclusion of Communist China had not harmed India, but had certainly harmed the United Nations "a great deal."

If China had been given her rightful place in the United Nations, Mr Nehru added, many difficulties facing Southeast Asia might not have arisen.

Mr Nehru said the friendship between India and China on the one hand and India and USSR on the other was being interpreted in some Western countries as "hostility" towards them.

"This is an entirely wrong approach," Mr Nehru said, adding that India was determined to have "the closest relations possible" with China.

Madame Sun said the Indian people support the Chinese on the Formosa question and the Chinese people fully back the Indians on the Goa question.

Madame Sun said the Goa problem involves "flagrant violation of the territory of an independent state."

### Settlement

Madame Sun called for the admission of China into the United Nations. She said Far East problems could not be left unsolved indefinitely.

Madame Sun also called for the settlement of the problem of Formosa and the offshore islands of Quemoy and Matsu.—Reuter and France-Press.

## RECORDING BIRTH OF BABY

London, Dec. 18.

Birth control specialist Granley Dick-Read announced today he plans to make a long-playing record of the birth of a baby shortly.

Mr Dick-Read, whose revolutionary methods of "child-birth without pain" have won him fame throughout Europe, says he plans to take a tape recorder with him to an unnamed birth in the near future.

The tape recorder, he said, will pick up the conversation between the doctor, nurse and the mother before the birth as well as the doctor's instructions to the mother during the actual birth.

Mr Dick-Read himself will make the introduction, he said, and explain his theory of natural birth without anaesthetics.

"My wife will describe the exercise I have evolved which will help to make this possible," he said.

"The mother's conversation will show what can be done if she is taught to relax and forget her fears."—United Press.



Sir Winston Churchill beams happily as he accepts from Mr Winthrop Rockefeller the Williamsburg Award—a Town Crier's bell—at the Drapers' Hall in London. The bell, a replica of the town crier's bell from Williamsburg, Virginia, was awarded to Sir Winston for his outstanding influence on the course of world events.—Reuterphoto.

## Faure Battles Through Snow

Paris, Dec. 18.

Premier Edgar Faure battled snow drifts and hecklers today as he carried his electoral campaign into the ice-bound reaches of the French Savoy Alps.

M. Faure waded knee-deep in snow visiting some of the remotest hamlets of his eastern French Jura Department as the race for the January election of

the National Assembly went into high gear all over the country.

While M. Faure scaled the rugged peaks of his home district, his chief political rival, M. Pierre Mendes-France, sloshed through the lowlands of cattle-breeding Normandy to seek support for his left-centre "Republican Front."

## Decoration For Former Captain

Washington, Dec. 18.

A 41-year-old monk, who as a merchant marine ship captain helped ferry 14,000 Korean civilians to safety in 1950, will be decorated on Wednesday at the Korean Embassy here.

Brother Marinus of the Benedictine missionaries, St Paul's Abbey, Newton, New Jersey, was formerly Leonard P. Larue, a captain in command of the Meredith Victory of the Moore-McCormack Lines.

His ship removed the civilians from the port of Hungnam, Korea, in December 1950 when United Nations forces were holding back Communist troops in their drive down the peninsula.

### Jet Fuel

His ship was loaded with 3,000 barrels of jet aircraft fuel at the time.

After the rescue of the civilians Larue became ill. During his convalescence he decided to enter the abbey, and he later became a member of the order.

His exploit was brought to the attention of Pres. Syngman Rhee of the Republic of Korea who ordered that Brother Marinus be decorated, the Moore-McCormack Lines said.—United Press.

## Spending His Money

Washington, Dec. 18.

Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey and Defence Secretary Charles E. Wilson returned from Paris today to be greeted with reports that the Administration plans to increase foreign aid spending by some \$5,000,000,000.

Mr Wilson, who disembarked from the plane first, was shown a news story based on the report. Turning to Mr Humphrey, who was coming down the ramp, the Defence Secretary exclaimed with a grin:

"Look, you're spending your money while you're away."—United Press.

## Maltese Premier Sees Colonial Secretary

London, Dec. 18.

Mr Dom Mintoff, Prime Minister of Malta, said here tonight before flying home that he had been discussing "some urgent financial matters" with Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, the Colonial Secretary.

Answering questions at a press conference, he forecast that his Labour Government's referendum in Malta on the issue of integration with the United Kingdom and the sending of three members of parliament to the House of Commons would take place in February.

A bill to be debated in the Maltese Parliament tomorrow will, it passed as expected, set up machinery for a free and secret referendum, the terms of which will be published later.

Mr Mintoff would not say what the "urgent financial matters" were.

All he would reveal was that they did not in any way affect the issue of integration and were really more a method of procedure in hastening economic development.—Reuter.

## QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA

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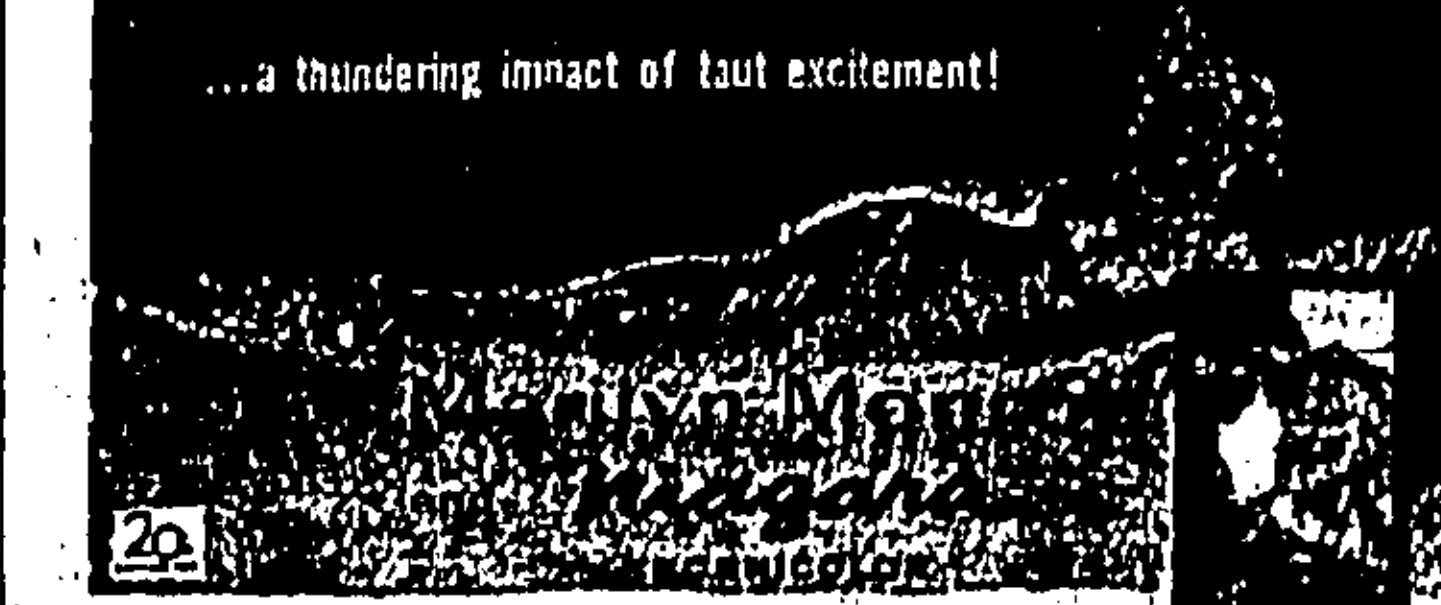
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Sen Kefauver

## US Should Sell Arms To Israel —Kefauver

Minneapolis, Dec. 18. The United States should sell arms to Israel to counterbalance Soviet arms sales in the Middle East, Democratic Senator Kefauver said here today.

Sen Kefauver, speaking at a dinner given by the National Jewish Fund, said the United States must "state without equivocation that we expect Israel to be maintained as a free, healthy, and secure state."

## NATO More Solid Than Ever: Dulles

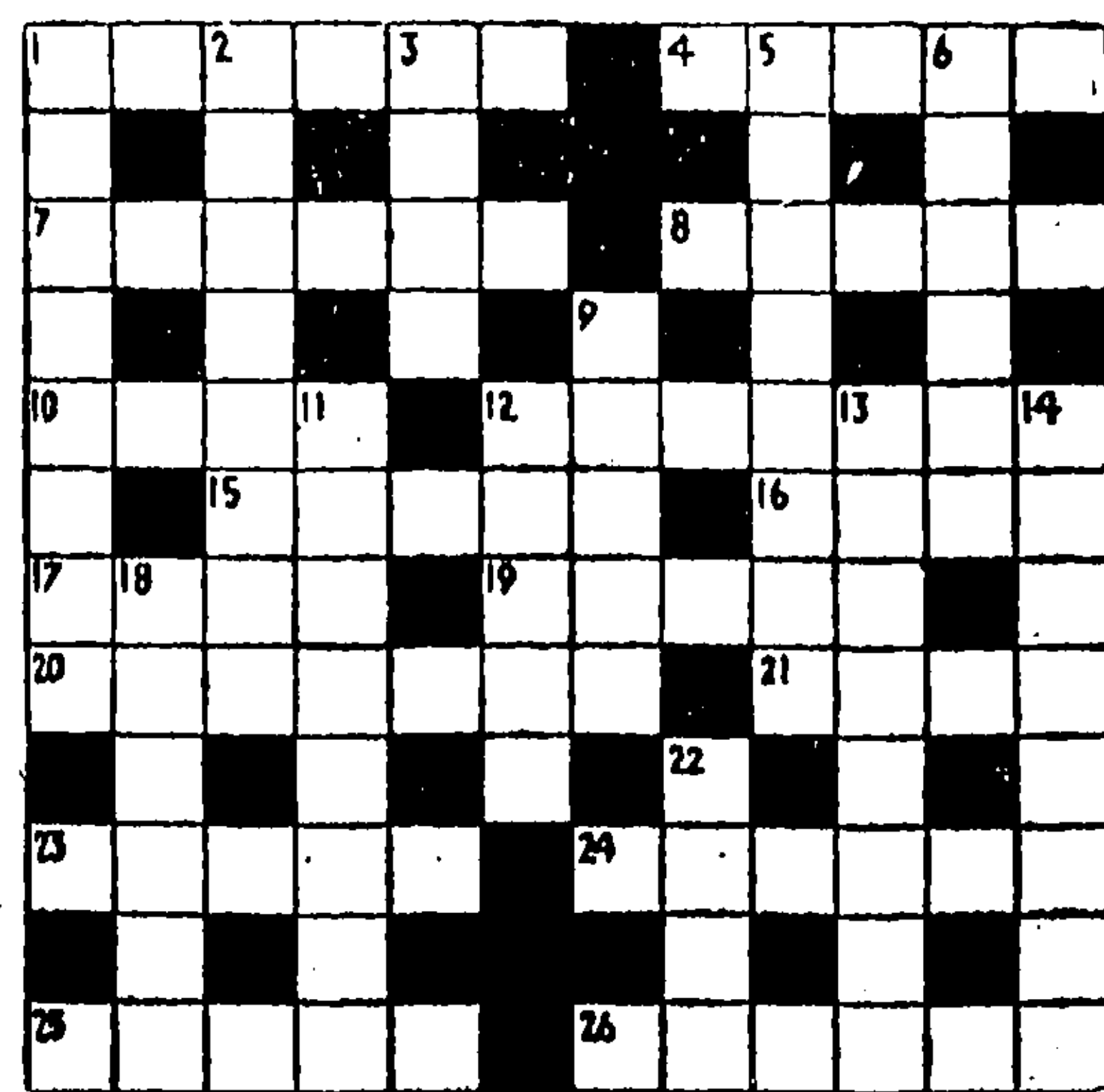
Washington, Dec. 18. The Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, said on arrival today that the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation now has a more solid foundation than ever.

Mr. Dulles, who attended the two-day NATO Council meeting in Paris last week, said he believed the meeting contributed to the feeling of freedom and security among Western nations.

Mr. Dulles was met at the airport by Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Herbert Hoover Jr. and the ambassadors of four NATO countries, France, Britain, Italy and West Germany.

Mr. Dulles said the NATO meeting had proclaimed the sole government which represents the German people—France, Prussia.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| ACROSS                 | DOWN                     |
| 1 Groove (6).          | 1 Soldier (8).           |
| 2 Avarice (6).         | 2 Puts back (8).         |
| 3 Method (6).          | 3 Frank (4).             |
| 4 Swift (6).           | 4 Liberated (8).         |
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# Government Moving Too Slowly Over Cyprus Says Gaitskell

London, Dec. 18.

Mr Hugh Gaitskell, the new leader of Britain's Labour Party, said at Keighley tonight that the government had moved far too slowly from the "impossible position" that Cyprus would never be granted the right of self-determination.

He was speaking at a Labour Party meeting. "In Cyprus, we find ourselves in the profoundly distasteful position of once again trying to suppress by force a popular movement for freedom and self-determination," Mr Gaitskell added.

"I cannot help feeling that in view of our long friendship with Greece and our alliance with Turkey—both members of NATO—it could have been possible to reach agreement on Cyprus, perhaps with the help of some of our other allies, if only we had been ready to put forward a positive programme of self-determination subject to conditions regarding security and Turkish rights."

## Like Settlement

On the Middle East, Mr Gaitskell said that the supply of arms to Egypt and other Arab states, he introduced a "new and dangerous situation" between Israel and her Arab neighbours.

"We should like to see a settlement of the dispute between them," he said. "But, at the same time, we believe the British Government's attitude has been mistaken."

"It is so easy to expect that the parties to this dispute are going to be ready to make a settlement."

"That is why in our view it was essential, emphatically, to reaffirm the tripartite nature of the existing position, and to ensure that we, with America and France, are ready to resist aggression."

"That is why we (the Labour Party) have pressed in Parliament for a defensive pact with Israel similar to the pact we have with Jordan."

## Frontiers Guaranteed

Mr Gaitskell said Britain should not take sides in the dispute and declared that in a recent speech, Sir Anthony Eden, the Prime Minister, had accepted the impression that he favoured the Arab states against Israel.

"We have guaranteed Israel's existing frontiers and we have to stand by that guarantee," he said.

"Some of us at least feel that a people who have been bound and persecuted and massacred

throughout the ages should now be allowed to live and flourish in peace."

Mr Gaitskell said that the Soviet leaders, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin and Mr Nikita Khrushchev, were launching, judging from their speeches, a propaganda and concerted drive in the cold war to try to win over to communism the uncommitted states of the East.

But the Labour leader commended to the Russians the example of the British Labour Government in giving freedom to 500 million people in South-east Asia.

"Let them give freedom in their turn to the peoples of Central and Eastern Europe whom they at present dominate by the power of their arms and the dictatorship of the Communist Party," he declared.

Addressing his own government, he said that while economic aid has been and is being provided by the Western democracies, and especially America to the less developed territories of South Asia, a new initiative in this field is long overdue.

## Help Development

"There is probably no more important world problem than that of saving these uncommitted areas from communism and helping them to develop as democracies."

"Let me add at once that in my view the aid should be given without any strings attached."

"Now is the time for a new and imaginative step in this field," he concluded.—Reuter.

## ANTARCTIC AIRSTRIP BUILT

Wellington, Dec. 18. An airstrip marked out on ice about 144 feet thick is ready at McMurdo Sound, Antarctica, to receive aircraft of the United States Antarctic expedition which are standing by in New Zealand.

A United States Navy spokesman said in Christchurch today that the American icebreaker Glacier arrived at McMurdo Sound, in the Ross Sea, yesterday, and that the commanding officer of the air squadron, Commander G. K. Ebbes, had selected a runway.

It is marked out with red flags and is 8,000 feet long, 150 feet wide and covered with two inches of hard packed snow.

The Glacier, spearhead of the American expedition, which is setting up bases and airfields for the 1957-8 Geophysical Year explorations, reached McMurdo Sound seven days after leaving Lyttelton, in New Zealand's south island.

The spokesman said that weather reports and forecasts were now being received from vessels stretched between New Zealand and the Ross Sea.

He said that aircraft would take off as soon as the weather was favourable.

The earliest possible time of departure has been postponed until 0400 local time on Tuesday (1800 G.M.T. tomorrow).—China Mail Special.

## SALUTE IKE DINNERS

Washington, Dec. 18.

The Republican Party today announced that "Salute to Eisenhower" dinners would be held in 61 cities across the United States on January 20. The dinners, which will be linked together by a closed circuit television broadcast, will set off a party fund-raising drive for the 1956 campaign and also observe the third anniversary of President Eisenhower's inauguration.—Reuter.



With a smile, Princess Margaret shakes hands with Hartnell fashion model, Dolores at a fashion show staged at Hamilton House, Piccadilly, London. The Princess attended the show with the Queen Mother.—Reuterphoto.

## Princess Meets Fashion Model

## Traffic Accidents Mount In Intense Cold

Chicago, Dec. 18.

A frigid Arctic air mass spread southward over the Rockies and the Middle West today and weathermen warned that no relief was in sight.

The storm dumped tons of snow over the northern group of states and tumbled temperatures to well below zero Fahrenheit.

Traffic accidents mounted on ice-lit highways and at least 15 fatalities were attributed directly to the weather, a survey showed. Five teenagers were killed near Gillette, Wyoming, when a Burlington Railroad train hit their truck.

Four persons were killed in a head-on crash of an oilfield equipment truck and a car near Lagrange, Texas, in heavy morning fog.

Below-zero temperatures were the rule rather than the exception over the northern Rockies and mid-west as far South as part of Iowa and Nebraska.

## Coldest Spot

Grantsburg, Wisconsin, apparently was the country's coldest spot, reporting 27 below zero.

Snow accompanied the bitter cold, piling up along the nation's Northern border.

Houghton, Michigan, a ski centre, had 36 inches of snow on the ground.

The Weather Bureau said the cold wave would be strengthened further by a new push of Arctic air. It said temperatures would dip to 30 below zero in the western mid-west tonight, spreading eastward by tomorrow night.

While the Mid-West and Rockies shivered, warmer temperatures were reported in the southwest, northern plains and lower Missouri Valley.—United Press.

## Russia Plans Million TV Sets

London, Dec. 18.

Russia plans to produce "about a million" television sets in 1956 and build more than 40 television broadcasting stations in the next few years, Moscow Radio reported.

The radio said people in the southern oil city of Baku, and in Minsk, Byelorussia, would soon be able to look in on television.

Transmitters were also being built in Gorky, Sverdlovsk and Tbilisi, Georgia, Vilnius (Lithuania), Kuibyshev on the Volga, and Tashkent, in the southern Soviet Republic of Uzbekistan.

The radio said a steel mast 800 feet high was being built during modernisation at the Moscow station, where the power of transmitters was being stepped up.

The first television theatre, in Moscow's Hermitage Gardens, had a screen measuring nine and a half by 18 feet.

Successful tests showed it might be possible to build similar theatres in country towns, "so that workers settle down within the Moscow reception area," it added.—China Mail Special.

## Hitler's Adjutant May Be In E. Germany

Bonn, Dec. 18.

OTTO Guenschke, Hitler's Adjutant, may be among a group of German prisoners from Russia who were handed over to East German authorities yesterday, returned prisoners said at Friedland Camp today.

## Protested

The East German news agency ADN, which reported the men's arrival, said only that the group was of war criminals whose crimes were so serious that they could not be released.

Prisoners released here two days ago who had met Guenschke at Sverdlovsk transit camp in the Urals said he told them the Russians had put them on the list for East Germany because his mother lived there.

The prisoners quoted him as saying that he had protested against this without effect.

In their verbal promise to Dr Adenauer, the Russian leaders said they would release a total of 9,820 prisoners, of whom 749 were serious cases to be handed over to East German and West German legal authorities.

Reports reaching here said the group which reached East Germany yesterday numbered 269. None of the 749 "serious cases" had yet arrived in West Germany.—Reuter.

## New S. African Political Party

Johannesburg, Dec. 18.

South Africa has now a new political party, the "South African Group", situated midway between the National Party and the opposition United Party.

The South African Group's programme includes closer co-operation between the Afrikaner and British sections of the community.

It recognises the historic right of South African tribes to their ancestral homes, but "invites" them to concentrate "preferably" in the territories where they are already naturally grouped.—France Press.

## Pageant Of Peace PROMISE BRIGHT FOR FUTURE SAYS PRESIDENT

Washington, Dec. 18.

President Eisenhower said today in a special Christmas message that "human understanding and human sympathy" can surmount even "those obstacles that some Governments try to raise . . . to divide us."

From the office of the president of Gettysburg College some 80 miles from here, Mr Eisenhower pressed a gold key and lighted a huge Christmas tree in the "Pageant of Peace" exhibit in front of the White House.

"This Christmas is brighter in promise for the future than any we have known in recent years," he declared solemnly, "even brighter than last year, which was the first Christmas in many years that was not marred by the tragic incident of war."

The lighting of the gigantic spruce signalled similar ceremonies at US embassies and military bases around the world. The Pageant features a "Pathway of Peace" at one end of which is a life-size Nativity scene on a white and green stage.

The President's brief address and the official opening of the capital's annual "Pageant of Peace" exhibit was carried to the nation via radio and television. The Voice of America also short-wave broadcast the ceremonies throughout the world—in 38 languages.

## It Worked

After pressing the gold key that lighted the towering 65-foot South Dakota spruce, Mr Eisenhower chuckled and said: "Well, it worked."

The tree, with its hundreds of gaily-coloured bulbs, is the centrepiece of the Pageant of Peace exhibit on the Ellipse facing the White House. Forty foreign embassies have greetings displayed and many of the 48 states have their own Christmas trees.

Mr Eisenhower, addressing himself to "My fellow men and women of every nation," said that for "hundreds of millions Christmas symbolises the deepest aspirations of peace and goodwill among men."

The President said "Peace is the right of every human being," and that he was sure his prayer for peace was shared by the "multitudes of the world, the great and meek, the proud and poor, the successful and the failures, the dispirited and the hopeful." He said the hope for peace must never die in the hearts and minds of men.

## Another Girl Friend For RAF

London, Dec. 18.

The Royal Air Force is getting a new girl friend—Sarah.

She joins Mae West, Babs, and Rebecca in the little black books of British airmen as the girls they like most to be with when stranded in the briny deep.

Sarah is a compact but powerful radio homing beacon which can be picked up by search aircraft within 75 miles of a downed plane.

Nearly all the RAF's fighter aircraft have been equipped with the apparatus, and it probably will be adopted by international forces in the near future.—United Press.

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# Mrs. Menuhin darns in 4th dimension

LONDON  
MRS YEHUDI MENUHIN sat in her own private version of the Fourth Dimension and darned her husband's vest.

A cacophony of telephone calls, interviews, visitors—high-lighted by a brilliant shaft of sun and made exotic by at least eight crowded vases of flowers—did not disturb the animated concentration of her darning.

"The present I have lived already," she explained, her needle dashing through the exclusive *crepe saute* of the vest. "I went through this morning two years ago when I planned it. I always know what I am doing roughly two years ahead."

## UNPREDICTED

The hole in the vest, at least, was unpredictable.

His other vests were lost—and *crepe saute* (a fine mixture of silk and cotton) was unobtainable in London. It was just one of those little gaps in the vast, predictable plan of the Menuhin life that she, as wife, was there to fill in.

The virtuoso's rehearsal shirt had also disappeared—so in two minutes she was going to dash out and get another.

Diana Menuhin's attitude to lost luggage is fatalistic, but she makes it a gay farthing. "It couldn't matter less if I lose something. I think 'How lovely, instead of 14 suitcases to count there are now only 11'."

## HAWK FACE

Another loss might have been her diary ("the only coherent thing in my life"), this she recovered by looking in the luggage office under "Y" for Menuhin—"My husband doesn't seem to have a surname—he is always Yehudi to everyone."

Yehudi was displaying a fine sculptured ankle under a red

dressing-gown. His face like a pale and gentle hawk's over the through which he curls on, gaily silk. He later changed to a shirt—equally bright. His face stayed reflective and pale.

Chief integrator of his remarkable life is his wife—not a "quiet-the-muscle-is-thinking" character at all. She keeps a lively stir of planning, chatting and bustling about around him.



MRS. MENUHIN—"I prepare two years ahead."

through which he carries on, courteous, imperturbable and patiently enchanted by her animation.

"Won't you sit down if you can find something without a violin on it," she invites the visitor, slightly unnerved at the possibility of sitting on a Stradivarius.

"Nothing but silk cloth and Yehudi is allowed to touch them."

When ballet-dancer Diana Gould married her celebrated husband in 1947 she changed her street plan of London for a world atlas.

"I always said I would have to marry someone for whom I would have to work, otherwise I would go dotty."

by  
ANNE SHARPLEY

## HER SYSTEM

Her system for a life which can find her in three continents in as many weeks?

Caches. Caches of clothes in every part of the world. In Switzerland are kept the mountain and beach clothes (for Italy).

"What does it matter if I'm seen in the same beach clothes at Leerd two years running. It's madness to cast clothes around. Of course, it goes wrong sometimes when, for instance, we arrive in Helsinki in summer and find there's nothing but fur coats to wear."

The Menuhin day begins at 7.30 and ends at midnight.

People rather imagine my morning is spent having my face done. In fact, I'm in checking a dress and the evening in wearing it.

We are so busy, always, it is unbelievable. If we ever have a spare evening to go to the theatre I get practically sick with excitement the night before. It happens so rarely.

Thirty letters to be answered a day is average. "Yehudi answers the business letters" (secretaries are also cached).

## SHOPPING SPREE

"I answer the private letters in a long hand that nobody can read. I always hope it will stop them writing."

During the ten days' stay in London she will buy clothes for their sons, Smithy, aged six, and Jeremy, four, at home in California. "I always buy their clothes in London."

But true to her two-years-ahead-plan she is gambling that Smithy will have grown two inches by the time he is eight—and buying his pyjamas accordingly.

One thing remains constant in the ever-changing life of Diana Menuhin. Her husband's lack of temperment.

"He is so quiet, so placid," she says.

"If anyone has the temperment—it's me."

Edwards Air Force Base in the Mojave Desert.

THE British rate high here. Lieutenant-Colonel Lloyd Garland said to me: "Without Sir Frank Whittle there would have been none of this"—gesturing at the rocket and jet planes. He added: "I knew Whittle before his knighthood; he is a wonderful man."

The deputy commander of the base, Colonel Robert Caldwell, told me: "I am just back from London. I am very fond of the British. London is magnificent."

## Quite a change

THE Mojave Desert is quite a change after London. No one I have talked to here has complained about the

These men are blazing a trail for space travel of tomorrow

dull, barren life apart from the flying, but it can't be much fun.

Just as at the Strategic Air Command base the pilots here make sports motoring their hobby. But it is the planes themselves which are the real love of the pilots. The Douglas Skyrocket is the best-loved, but the new Bell Xs have outmoded the Skyrocket.

The new Bells are known as "The Beasts." Test pilot Bill Bridgman says: "I had heard vaguely about an experimental ship that was mysteriously taking form behind locked doors... she was the first classical super-

sonic design capable of flying at sustained speed only touched briefly by the Skyrocket. A 'going' supersonic airplane.

"On the ground in front of a door marked 'Keep Out, Secret Project MX 666-MX 667' a company policeman stood guard. Cautiously he scrutinised my pass. 'O.K.'—he snapped it back into my hand and opened the door.

## New breed

"POSED menacingly in the centre of the room was a full-size mock-up of the most extraordinary aircraft I have ever seen—a sinister 45ft-long, out-of-this-world design that looked incapable of flight.

"The Skyrocket was an airplane—but not this thing.

"This was a new breed, all long, narrow body, wrapped tightly around twin jet engines bulging out from her sides that tapered in to an enormously long projectile nose.

"Far back out her engine-fat sides protruded thin, straight, stubby mirror metal wings... There would be nothing like her flying for probably another five or six years. This was tomorrow."

The Bell X-2, Colonel Everest's rocket-ship, is the pride of the base. It looks lethal to me. It is capable, I believe, of flying over 100,000ft. at more than 2,000 m.p.h.

## Limitless area

COLONEL Everest himself writes: "In 1947 the great challenge was the sound barrier—that seemingly impassable wall of shock waves and buffeting that the plane hit at the speed of sound. Major Chuck Yeager first demolished that.

"Now I will take the X-2 into a new and an awesome 'barrier'—not one specific point like the sound barrier but an almost limitless area where air friction increases with the speed and produces a temperature of 1,000 degrees at 2,000 m.p.h.

"Hours before flight time the tiny X-2 will be shackled to the bomb bays of the huge B-50 mother ship which will take me 30,000ft. up before dropping me into space.

"From the darkness of the bomb bay I plunge into the bright blue sky.

"My stomach seems to drop from under me as the plane falls. One wing dips—I straighten it. The plane wallows—I fight to control it. Two seconds. Three seconds. I start the rocket engines.

"The plane comes to life, and we scream through space towards that dream of exceeding 2,000 m.p.h. and breaking through the heat barrier.

"The plane that will carry me into the unknown is packed with engineering miracles. The X-2's rocket engines have a thrust equal to that which drives a U.S. naval cruiser.

"Whatever happens in flight it will happen so fast that my reaction must be instantaneous, automatic.

"I have sat for hours on end in the cockpit with my eyes closed testing myself on the location and operation of every switch and dial.

"A question often asked me is whether we haven't reached the point where the human body cannot keep up with the vast complexity of faster and faster flight.

## Underestimated

"I SAY that man's strength and potentialities are too often underestimated. What's more, as planes get more complex the engineer's genius has simplified the controls a pilot must operate, so that eventually he will become the monitor, the brain of an almost automatic machine.

"But always people ask the one big question; at that moment in the cockpit of the X-2 when I call the final word Drop and go plunging through space, what will I feel?

"Only the first impact of the rockets' enormous thrust as they slam me back against the seat. After that—nothing.

"Around me will be the sky, not yellow with sunlight as on earth where the sun's rays reflect on dust particles in the air—a sky of rich, intense blue.

"I will be completely alone where no man can help me, as the X-2 hurtles towards its goal."

And when the goal is reached the last frontier will have been crossed.

Everest will have conquered space.



"Stanley, wake up and tell Santa Claus here we've lost our way, and the last thing we're thinking of at the moment is stealing his chickens."

London Express Service

DON IDDON concludes THE NEW EVEREST ADVENTURE

# AS THE X-2 HURTTLES TOWARDS ITS GOAL

# THE MAN WITH 374 CLOWNS

By  
Richard Findlater

WHEN Mr Stan Bult gets back to his Croydon home at night, he is always sure of a welcome from 376 faces. Two of these belong to his sisters: the rest belong to Britain's circus clowns—to whom he is Boswell, Gibbon and Gainsborough rolled into one.

Although the clowns may have lost their power and glory in the ring, they have a national shrine and portrait gallery in the house of this elderly Londoner—a sedate, wing-collared, grey-haired fanatic who, under doctor's orders, now lives on a curfew. ("I slink into bed at 8 p.m., and rise reluctantly at 7.15 a.m.")

Nobody has ever set Mr Bult's trousers on fire, or chased him screaming round the sawdust. He has never painted his nose red, or helped to take down the Big Top. But he is a walking encyclopedia of clowning, well-known to all Britain's merry-men.

Most of his portraits are taken from life. While the band thunders out its Sousa, and the horses prance around the ring, Mr Bult sits with his crayons in the dressing-room—drawing the clown's make-up on paper, in close-up, as quickly as he can.

Often his work is interrupted, while the sitter tears out at high speed to a brief tumble between the acts. ("The clown's motto, 'Always ready,' you know," says Mr Bult, approvingly.) But he's not satisfied until he gets the clown to sign the portrait, guaranteeing its authenticity.

## EASTERN DEBT

To an expert like Mr Bult, every picture tells a story. There is a world of meaning in the gradient of an eyebrow or the colour of a nose.

Later, when time permits, he transfers these faces from paper to a more permanent medium—eggs. Here Mr Bult acknowledged his debt to the East.

At first, in preparing his canvases, as he used to make two little holes and blow out the contents. But then he acquired three antique Chinese eggs, whose painters used a different method.

Now Mr Bult, having carefully selected the right eggs—"you can't put a round-faced man on to a long-faced egg"—gently taps a small hole in the back, working out the eggshell with tweezers to avoid splits. Having emptied the egg, he washes it, fills it with plastic covers the hole with adhesive paper and paints the clown's face on the whole surface.

Hens usually supply the raw material of Mr Bult's rare art, but "duck eggs are very handy. We happen to have a duck at home."

Londoners have the chance this month of seeing some of his work at the Arts Theatre Club's exhibition of clowning.

And it is not only the egg-paintings which give Mr Bult his special status in clowning. He has a Who's Who of over a thousand performers, alive and dead, at home and abroad.

He is founder and organising secretary of the International Circus Clown Club.

## SIX YEARS OLD

The club is six years old, but Mr Bult's life with clowns began at the turn of the century, when his family moved to West Norwood.

Looking over the wall, young Stan discovered that he had most unusual neighbours. It was a circus family, with a theatre of their own in the back garden. "They were the only people in the world to train emus," Mr Bult recalls wistfully. "We used to feed them over the wall."

The emus have gone, but he is still a firm friend of the family—and ever since then he has been a devotee of the circus.

If you want to know the colour of Flory Jack's ears or the cut of Emmett Kelly's rags, consult Mr Bult.

If you want to know whether broken hearts really do beat beneath the motley, you should apply to him.

If you want a make-up of your own, he will design a new, copyright face for you (for a guinea). But only between 8 and 7.30 in the evening.

For during the day Mr Bult is busy elsewhere. At a desk in a London museum.

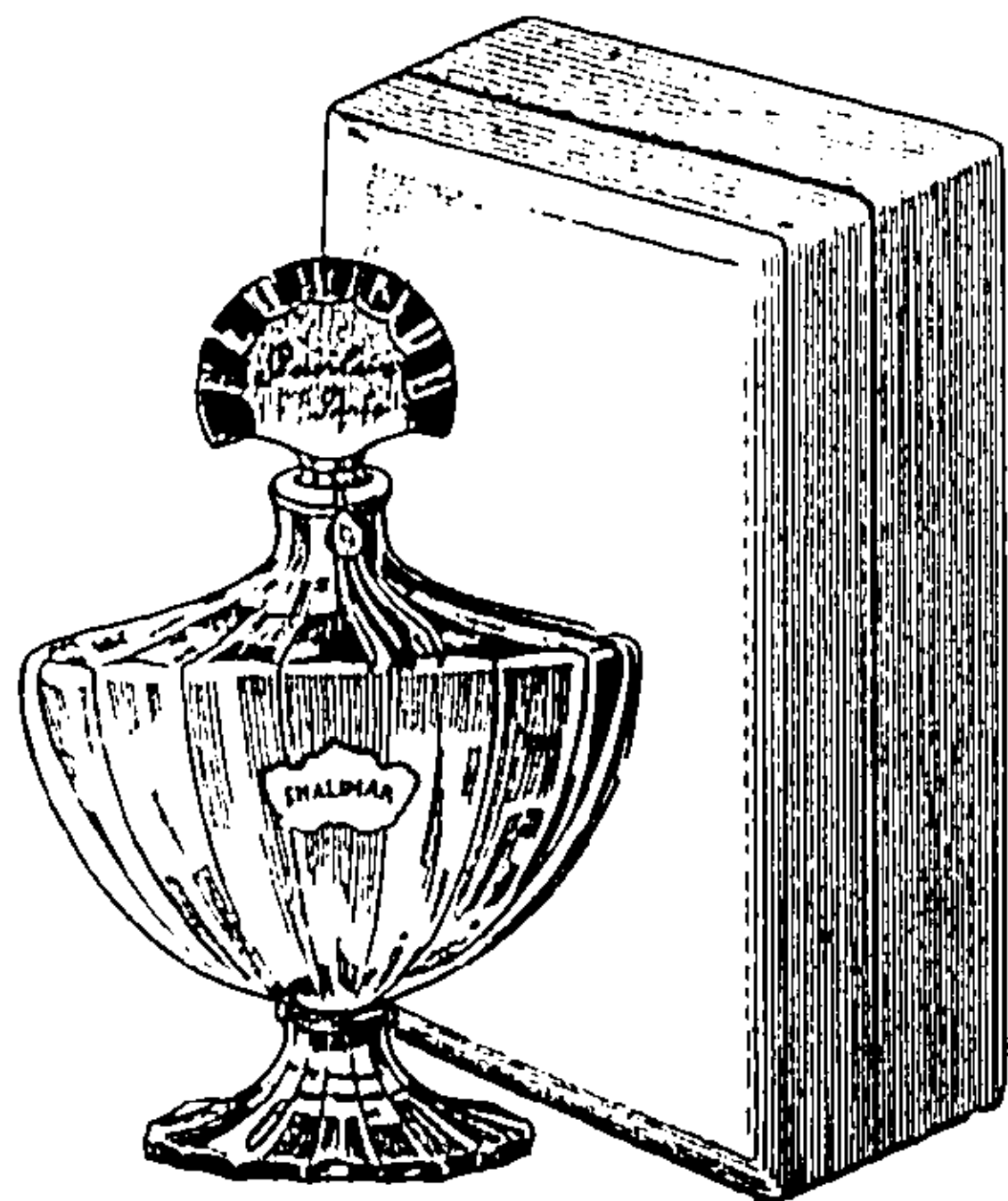
Here, for 36 years, he has been absorbed in almost part of his life work—lecturing on the art of clowning.

but I can say no more. Mr Bult prefers to keep it a secret, apart he owes it to both of them.

There's not a whiff of grease-paint or sawdust in that book-lined room, where he sits gravely in front of a gas fire, with his medicine at hand, and things in bottles on the shelves.

The world's authority on circus clowns has been transferred into a book, 7½ in. out of the back of the book.

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# Men Prefer Milk-shakes, So Horses Have Wine

From RITCHIE McEWEN

TEN percent of Austria's 60,000 acres of flourishing vineyards, many of which have been cultivated for more than a thousand years, are doomed to be ploughed up next Spring unless more Austrians drink more wine.

At present, complain Austria's association of wine growers, Austrians seem to prefer what the association describes as "baby food" in the form of milk shakes, ice cream sodas and yoghurt.

The association further complains that only three out of every ten Austrians of "drinking age" now call for their "Viertel," or half pint of wine a day. If the present trend continues, among the wholesalers for famous wines which not so long ago were exported all over the world.

Hardest hit of Austria's wine-growing communities is the district of Retz, in the former Russian occupied province of Lower Austria.

In the town of Retz itself, the entire market square, the largest in the whole of Austria, is built on stone "stilts" and forms the roof of one vast wine cellar, which is owned by the community at large. Today, for the first time in living memory, the cellar is full of unwanted wine.

Two plants of grape juice, says the association, public relations committee, is sufficient to replace the energy used up by a football player during 90 hectic minutes of "Cup play."

Drink grape juice regularly and you will never have any trouble with your liver. Much grapes on two days in the week and you'll live longer. And, ladies, if you want to keep that peachy and cream complexion, keep a pound of grapes on your dressing table. Or rather—don't keep them there. Eat them!



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## BRILLIANT SOUTH CHINA SLASH THE EASTERN SAGA TO TATTERED RIBBONS

By I. M. MacTAVISH

Before some 30,000 incredulous witnesses in and around the Hong-kong Stadium yesterday the Eastern saga was irretrievably shattered, ripped to shreds, and tossed to the four winds by a South China side that systematically slashed its way through the League leaders' tottering defence with an ease that left us aghast.

Usually there is a place for at least passing sympathy at the fall of heroes or gallant fighters but few who saw this Eastern annihilation will shed very many soccer tears.

If ever a side got exactly what it deserved that side was Eastern yesterday. For in their bitter moment of degradation some of their so-called 'big' names showed just how small they could really be.

Why Chu Wing-keung was permitted to stay on the field after a blatant foul on Mok Chun-wah as he lay defenceless on the ground is something that many many people found very hard to understand.

As it was, Referee Tucker took his name, but that was something he might have done just as easily on several other occasions.

## LASTING 'CREDIT'

Chu was, not however, the only Eastern offender and it stands to the lasting credit of South China that—apart from

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Tickets over 3,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

Accordingly subscribers are informed that all reservations for Through Tickets over the numbers from 1 to 3,000 have been cancelled for further Race Meetings of the Club as from this date.

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## FLYING KICK



Gratrix, Blackpool centre-half, takes a flying kick in an attempt to get the ball away from McClellan (left), Tottenham Hotspur outside-right, during the First Division match at White Hart Lane, London, on December 8. The match finished in a one-all draw.—Reuterphoto.

## Quality Not Quantity Is The Answer To Please Soccer And Cricket Fans

London, Dec. 19.

Ways and means are being desperately sought by leading soccer officials to raise the standard of British teams internationally.

The almost general suggestion is to cut the League matches and concentrate on building national sides. Less routine stuff; more highly competitive matches.

It seems that the cricket moguls feel the same way about England's other great national game. Ronald Ald, Secretary of the MCC, the governing body of the games, wants to cut down the County cricket fixtures. He thinks the way to better cricket is to cut the quantity and concentrate on the quality. Just what his counterparts have been saying.

In the case of the high-ups of cricket the remedy lies in their own hands. They can demand that the fixtures be cut and reorganise the whole system of the game in this country. Many suggestions have already come from lovers of the game who have taken careful note of the Australian system which, judged by the high standard of its players, is a good one. Three club games and a few State matches enable the players to get all the competition they need and keep to their peak throughout the season.

## CRICKET GRIND

In England there is the daily cricket grind between the Counties with players in the field six days a week and travelling all over the country. How can they keep fresh and fit, especially when foreign tours in the close season are thrown in for good measure.

"One excellent suggestion is to divide the Counties into two Divisions with relegation and promotion as is done in the soccer League and let them also play just the one match a week. This would provide the necessary incentive and give players the necessary rest.

The County players could, if needs be, help club cricketers over the week-end without feeling they were overplaying and so raise the general standard of the game.

There have been any number of other suggestions for making cricket better, brighter and more competitive by cutting down the number of days play, the hours of play and changing the point scoring system. Put a premium on outright win instead of first innings points in such a plan.

One cricket writer points out that under the present system of giving first innings points to a beaten team it is possible for a County to amass 112 points in a season without winning a match. Mr Ald described television as a menace to County cricket. How right he is. He said high fees were necessary to combat the loss on gates.

## EASY MONEY

Right yet again is Mr Ald when he sees a danger to the game in the easy money to be gained in from television fees, from Test match profits, supporters clubs and other such avenues. "We must try to make cricket self-supporting without this outside help," he declares.

Smaller said than done as he realises.

## KMP WINS

Macao, Dec. 18. Kowloon Motor Bus yesterday defeated Macao Police by 4-1 in a soccer match at Campo Desportivo here.

The Police led 1-0 at first time.

Macao's Governor, Rear Admiral Esparteiro, and his wife, attended the match.—Reuter.

## Saints Score Well Earned 7-5 Victory Over Unbeaten Braves Yesterday

Says "TIME OUT"

Lanky hot-corner guardman Benny Omar of the Saints spearheaded the attack with a brilliant three-in-four attempt at the plate to see the St Joseph's squad through with a 7-5 victory over Ed Carvalho's unbeaten Braves in a softball thriller at King's Park yesterday.

Though they outthrew their opponents 12-7, the League-leading Braves had to take a back seat in this game as ragged base-running saw several 'potential runs' dying along the base paths.

The only other Senior "A" Division game played saw Eddie Marques' Warriors trouncing the lowly Chinese Athletics 8-3 behind the masterful one-hit hurling performance of "Goose" Wong who claimed five batters at the plate via the strikeout route.

Outfielder Terry Ewins paved the way for the Warriors attack with a brilliant three-in-three effort besides turning in an exceptionally good job in the outfield.

In the Senior "B" section, the up-and-coming Hurricanes, behind the steady pitching of Clyde Kwok, once again pulled off a 'surprise package' as they tagged S. Hamel's Comets with a 10-0 decision in the other tussle.

Charlie Remedios' Delawares ran roughshod over the cellar-dwelling University nine with a 22-3 score.

After their recent upset over the Wahoes, the youthful Colleen girls sank back into their error-filled form when they pulled off no less than twenty blunders to grant the Capanda ladies a 18-12 triumph in a game that lasted nearly two hours.

Taking on the rookie Tai Tung schoolgirls in the far diamond, the Champion Wahoes greatly humiliated their weak opponents with an unimpeachable 43-2 result in a five-inning squelch.

## MINOR LOOP

In the minor loop the League-leading Dodgers kept their slate clean with a 21-0 victory as pitcher A. Fuchco turned in a no-hit no-run game.

The youthful Seminoles kept in step with a neat 10-0 win while the Chinese Athletics beat the Wah Ying outfit 9-6 and the Eagles won the Lion Cubs 14-6.

After unsuccessful attempts by most Senior leagues to topple the League-leading Braves, Jindo Kussner's Saint Joseph's, last year Champions, dashed out a brilliant brand of ball to snap the Braves' winning streak with a 7-5 victory.

Spearheading the Saints' attack was last year's M.V.P. winner Benny Omar, hot-corner guardman, who connected three in his four trips to the plate driving in two runs with himself crossing the plate twice.

Taking the initiative right from the start, lead off batter Art Ozorio worked for a free pass to first, stealing second on the next pitch. Hero of the day, Benny Omar then latched on to a fat 'letter high' pitch, sending it in a line over second base.

When the spheroid was finally controlled under the scoreboard at centrefield, Ozorio had scored and Omar had settled at third. A. K. Ismail then laid down a bunt which losing hurler Vic Pedruco threw wildly to first.

Smirke's screaming liner over the hot corner. A pitched ball momentarily escaped the mitt of Saint catcher Red Pereira and Gutierrez made a bee-line for third, but Pereira quickly relayed the spheroid to Omar who plastered it on him for the vital second out. Tension then subsided and Spikes Gutierrez was nipped for the third and final out.

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run in their third on a timely single by Red Pereira to score Donaldson and another in their fourth when hurler Salih walked, advanced on an out and a hit and came across on a sneak.

Both sides then settled down to steady playing with the Saints nursing a comfortable 6-0 lead going into the sixth frame. The bottom half of this frame nearly saw disaster befalling the Saints as the mighty Braves came back to life with a 'bang' scoring five runs on six hits to pull themselves right back into the game.

Carlu 'old reliable' Yvanovich started things going with a hit to left. Bullhawk Junior Remedios then obtained a life on a fumble and Dhabar slammed one right back at Salih for a single to load the sacks. Tony Gutierrez then fired out to deep leftfield to score Yvanovich.

Smirke's hard grounder to third was heaved wildly. Remedios scoring while Dhabar and Smirke settled at third and second bases respectively. A wild pitch then put Dhabar across.

Spikes Gutierrez, pinch-hitting for Frank Loureiro, came through nicely with a sizzling double into centrefield gardens for another Bravo tally. Vic Pedruco grounded for the second out, while battery-mate Reggie Matos punched a short single to centre to chase Gutierrez across.

At this crucial stage pitcher Salih, under the fusillade of hits by his opponents, began to crumble slowly, giving up successive hits to Dick Brown and Carlu Yvanovich to load the bases all over again.

Junior Remedios then stepped into the batter's box and the Braves' quarter went wild with enthusiasm but this time Remedios failed in the clutch, as he went for Salih's first pitch, sending an easy grounder to second for a force out to end the rally, leaving the Braves behind 6-6.

DISASTROUS INNING After that disastrous inning, the Saints once again set forth in earnest to widen the gap. A. K. Ismail obtaining a bunt hit after one out. A miscue at the plate saw him sitting at second while another out pushed him all the way to third. Ken Donaldson then drew a base on balls, advancing when Braves infielder Martins made another blunder to allow Ismail to clear the rubber for the insurance run. Gus Pereira then flew to left to retire the side.

The Braves' last-ditch effort at bat saw Tony Gutierrez obtaining a life after one out and moving to second on Smirke's screaming liner over the hot corner. A pitched ball momentarily escaped the mitt of Saint catcher Red Pereira and Gutierrez made a bee-line for third, but Pereira quickly relayed the spheroid to Omar who plastered it on him for the vital second out. Tension then subsided and Spikes Gutierrez was nipped for the third and final out.

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Kwok in the fourth frame when he socked a smash right through the box.

Playing inspired ball, the Warriors unleashed their barrage at losing hurler Tony Kwok as if they 'owned' him, knocking him for thirteen solid smashes including a homer, a triple and a double.

## Hockey Players Surprise At Cricket

Though the visiting Malayan Indian hockey team are mainly hockey players, they showed fair ability as cricketers against the Indian Recreation Club at Sookun-poo on Saturday, particularly in their fast and clean fielding.

Their captain, Gorbex Singh, was the only one to really get on top of the IRC bowling, scoring a useful 31 towards the visitors' innings of 100. Carl Myatt took four wickets for 21 runs.

The unpredictable IRC were five wickets down for 16 runs at one stage, but Arthur Rumbh, quickly promoting himself in the batting order, and George Ebert made a stand of 71 for the sixth wicket.

Rumbh was finally out for 30 and one more IRC wicket fell, but when stumps were drawn George Ebert was undefeated for 43.

The visitors were not taking things too seriously and may have done better if they had used their opening bowlers longer or brought them on again earlier. Mahinder Singh took 4 for 15 and was not easy to play. IRC were 93 for 7 when stumps were drawn.

LEAGUE MATCH As in almost every season in the past half dozen, the Scorpions are continuing to tighten up as challengers for the Senior Division League title and beat Army North, one of the leading teams in the Championship race, by six wickets at Chater Road.

Ivor Stanton took five for 35 as Army North were all out for 105 runs. Greenhalgh got in among the Scorpions' early batsmen to take four for 42, but Pat Dodge (38 not out) and K. M. Campbell (38 not out) put on the necessary margin for victory. Scorpions are now in a challenging position for the Championship.

Swiss Smash World Cycling Record

Zurich, Dec. 18. Swiss professional cyclist Rene Sireher broke the World record for the five-kilometre indoor track today with the time of six minutes fourteen seconds flat.

He improved the earlier record (Lucien Gillen of Luxembourg, 8:19-1/5) by five and one-half seconds, the biggest record-breaking margin in the history of the 5 kilometre.—United Press.

RING FATALITY

Mayenn, France, Dec. 18. French Middleweight professional boxer Jean Boleda died early today after Hami Melkholba knocked him out of the ring in a local bout on Saturday night.

Boleda, 27, never recovered consciousness after Melkholba's eighth-round punch and died of a cerebral haemorrhage.—United Press.

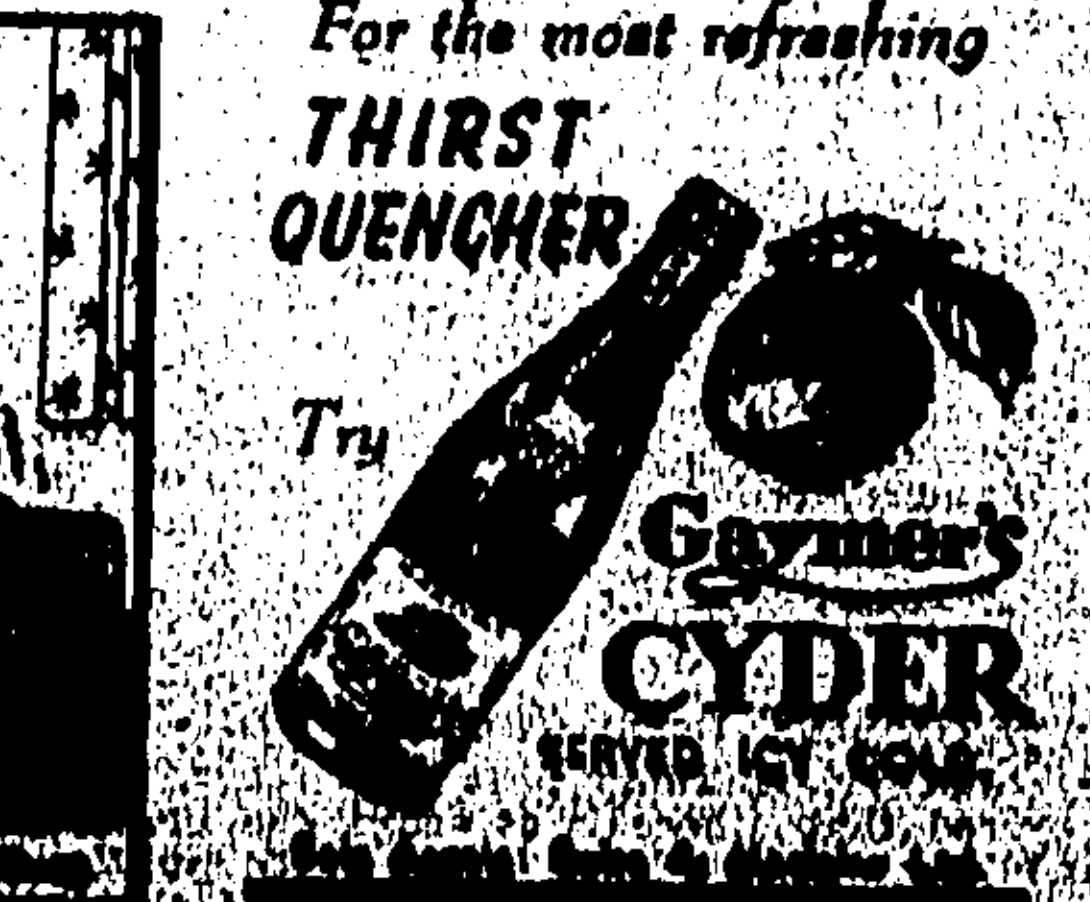
## THE GAMBOLS



## by Barry Appleby



## For the most refreshing





# SATURDAY'S RUGGER MATCHES BROUGHT NO SURPRISE RESULTS

By "PAK LO"

Saturday afternoon was rather disappointing as far as rugger was concerned, for the three games which were played were a trifle scrappy, and there was a muddle over the venues which caused the fourth game to be scratched.

There were no surprises in the results. RAF Mainland comfortably beat their opposite numbers, RAF Island, by 19 points (2 goals, 1 try, 1 penalty goal) to nil, while the Gunners retained their unbeaten record, running off the field the victors by 13 points to 9.

In the second match on the Army ground the Navy, though they tried to the bitter end, were no match for the Garrison side, and they lost by 19 points (2 goals, 3 tries) to 6 points (2 penalty goals).

**RAF Mainland v RAF Island**  
This was a fairly even game in the forward division, but in the backs it was soon clear that the Mainland were the much more powerful and stronger side. The Mainland forwards played a steady game, and gave their backs slightly more of the ball than did the Islanders, and the Mainland forwards backed up and covered their backs to a greater extent, and were quicker to snuff up their chances.

For the Islanders Southwick was outstanding, particularly in the loose where he and Anderson gave the Mainlanders no end of trouble. Behind the packs though, it was a different story. While the Mainland backs had some poor passing

books, they always looked the more dangerous and their tackling was a lesson to the Islanders whose backs seldom tackled low enough to bring the man down.

Only Morgan shone, but his openings were spoiled by bad passing. For the Mainland the best were Lamb, Page, Panther and Thomas in the forwards, and Fraser in the centre of the three.

It was some time before the Mainland opened the scoring when they three move Lewis went over well out. The conversion was missed, 3-0. A little later Thomas, whose kicking was good throughout, converted a penalty for offside to make it 6-0. In the second half things picked up a bit and the Mainland were soon on the attack. From a scrum there was a three move and with the forwards backing up well the ball was being swung around a lot, and finally went to Lewis who went over to make it 12-0. Thomas converted, 12-0.

Once again the Mainlanders repeated the move and this time it was Thomas who scored under the posts. Thomas did the needful to make it 15-0. Finally Thomas added yet another three points with a good penalty.

kick to leave the final score at 19-0.

**Navy v HK & K Garrison**

Garrison made excellent changes in this match, switching their Jones around. The Jones who normally plays at full back moved up to the centre of the three line, while Tinsley shifted to fly half and the other Jones dropped back to full back.

If anything this was a slight improvement, particularly in the full back spot where it Jones had a good day, though he was seldom under strong pressure.

The Garrison forwards used their weight to good effect in the scrums and once more Phillips stood out, literally, and metaphorically, head and shoulders over the others in the lineouts.

With a good supply of the ball the Garrison backs had plenty of chances, but their passing was not their strong point and they were the only ones to stand out.

In the loose the Garrison were much quicker on the ball with Sterlin well to the fore, and in the loose the ball came out smartly to Parkinson who was sending out some nice steady passes.

For the Navy, Jenkins at full back played an excellent game, and Lloyd had some nice runs, but Speers at fly half was outstanding. Had it not been for his and Jenkins' touch kicking the Navy would have gone down to a much bigger defeat.

The Navy tackled well, as did the Garrison but it was mainly a forward game, and there were few good rushes, and a lot of loose mauls which got nowhere.

Ahead from the kick-off the Garrison got going, and Sterlin took the ball from the loose about ten yards out. The Navy lost the ball, and Jenkins' touch kicking was outstanding. Had it not been for his and Jenkins' touch kicking the Navy would have gone down to a much bigger defeat.

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## HOW THEY FINISHED

### 10-Mile Road Race

1. Cpl MAA R. H. Pape (Royal Navy), 50m38.4s.
2. Lt. K. Burch (Essex), 50m35.7s.
3. Cpl A. L. Smith (King's Own), 50m40.0s.
4. Chan King-yin (SCAA), 50m40.0s.
5. Sgt. Anderson (Ind.), 50m40.0s.
6. Bds. Stokes (King's Own), 50m40.0s.
7. Chan Kim-hung (SCAA), 50m40.0s.
8. Chan Hung-man (SCAA), 50m40.0s.
9. LA. P. J. R. Alderton (Essex), 50m40.0s.
10. Chau Siu-bun ("Tien"), 50m40.0s.
11. Lee Kuan-hung (SCAA), 50m40.0s.
12. Au Chung-sing (SCAA), 50m40.0s.
13. Britten (O. COD), 50m40.0s.
14. Pte. Redshaw (N. Staffs), 50m40.0s.
15. P/Lt. Lockstone (Essex), 50m40.0s.
16. P. N. Randles (Ind.), 50m40.0s.
17. Gnr. Whittle (Ind.), 50m40.0s.
18. Pte. Joyce (N. Staffs), 50m40.0s.
19. Pte. Shenton (N. Staffs), 50m40.0s.
20. Lt/Cpl. Highton (King's Own), 50m40.0s.

### 2 1/2-Miles Road Walk

1. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (EYMA), 21m59.8s.
2. Ng Hing-Chi (Police AC), 22m.8s.
3. Henry Wong, 24m43.8s.
4. George Chen, 25m10.1s.
5. Woo Su, 27m5.3s.

### Team Placings (Road Race)

1. South China Athletic Association, 42 points.
2. Essex Regiment, 70 points.
3. North Staffs, 94 points.
4. King's Own Regt., 114 points.
5. O. COD, 125 points.
6. Royal Naval Athletic Club, 189 points.
7. "Tien", 201 points.

## East German Swimmer Batters World Mark

Berlin, Dec. 18. Crack East German swimmer star Horst Fritzsche last night at Rostock covered the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:02.2 minutes, the East German radio announced today.

He thus improved the official world mark of 1:04.3 minutes held by Sweden's Lennart Broek, the radio added.

Fritzsche, however, failed to equal or improve the 1:01.4 minutes set by Japan's Masaru Furukawa in early October in Tokyo. So far, Furukawa's result has not yet been officially recognized as a record, the radio said.—United Press.

## Sports Diary

**TODAY**  
Boxing  
HK Amateur Boxing Association Committee Meeting. Missions to Seamen at 6 p.m.  
Rugby  
Kuala Lumpur Tech v Police at HKFC.  
Hockey  
Kuala Lumpur Tech v Malaysian Indians or Nanyang at Pokfulam.  
**TOMORROW**  
Badminton  
Malayan Indians v HK Indians at HKFC, 8 p.m.  
Athletics  
Queen Elizabeth School Annual Sports at SCAA Stadium commencing at noon.

## Floodlit Games May Find Soccer's Missing Millions

London, Dec. 19. Light is now being thrown on the gloomy subject of soccer's missing millions—the dwindling army of spectators without whose support clubs could not carry on.

Whether because of the counter attraction of television or the decline in standard of play, the alarming slump in attendance has now passed the million and a half mark this season.

Clubs have long been advocating the playing of Cup and League matches by floodlight as an experiment to check this slide.

Now probably encouraged by the success of some first round Cup replays at night and the lighting up of Wembley Stadium for the later stages of the recent England-Spain game, the authorities are beginning to recognise the possibilities of floodlight football.

Alarmed at the falling gates and decrease in the number of League football, the Football League have discussed the reason and possible remedies.

They have at least appreciated the importance of floodlights. "We have realised that certain floodlighting of football," said Football League secretary Mr. Fred Horwath.

"Floodlights can play a part in our future policy."

The Scottish League, after a two-hour discussion, decided to call all their clubs together to discuss floodlighting.

And now the Football Association have given permission for clubs to play cup ties by floodlight.

Clubs can start late and switch on for the second half for third round matches on January 7, and replays may be decided at night.

Meanwhile the clubs have been giving considerable thought to the matter. Those who can afford it are having costly floodlighting systems installed.—China Mail Special.

## Six Die In Colombia Auto Race Meeting

Barranquilla, Colombia, Dec. 18. Venezuelan driver Rezende dos Santos won the Barranquilla-to-Cartagena-and-back "Cordiali" auto race today after two drivers and four spectators were killed.

One of the dead drivers was Dos Santos' teammate, Pancho Crocker. The other was Colombian driver Antonio J. Brun, whose car hurtled into a group of spectators and killed four of them.

Dos Santos, deeply shaken by Crocker's death, cried unashamedly as he stepped from his car. He immediately dedicated his victory to Crocker's memory.

The Venezuelan team was withdrawn from the race momentarily after Crocker died. But Venezuelan officials then decided to continue in the contest as a tribute to their dead teammate. Dos Santos, apparently determined to make the race a fitting homage to Crocker, roared to a triumph as team rolled down his face.

### FIRST FATALITY

Crocker, driving a Maserati, was the first to die—only 16 kilometers from the start of the race. His steering gear apparently failed and the car went out of control. It swerved off the road, overturned and smashed into the side of the road.

His skull was fractured, all his ribs were broken and he suffered severe internal injuries. Twenty minutes after the accident he was dead.

Shortly afterwards, Brun's Lincoln went out of control and careened into a group of spectators. The missing took place at an isolated spot along the route and details were still unknown. Brun was killed, and four spectators died with him.

After the race, in which Colombian driver Alfredo Camacho finished second in a Mercedes-Benz, authorities recommended that the name of the crashed car be changed to "The Pancho" in honor of Crocker. The race was held at United Press.

# BEHIND THE STANDS AT TWICKENHAM

With FRED MAJDALANY

It is a long time since I was a tower of weakness to the Extra C team of a Rugby football club whose name I now forget. A career involving Saturday work brought my playing days to a premature end, which was a source of regret to no one, not even me.

Among other things, it has enabled me to live through the years since with only one cauliflower ear instead of two.

Going to Twickenham was, therefore, in terms of nostalgia, a journey from the gorbliney to the sublime.

Oxford and Cambridge at Twickenham is one of the Great English Sporting Occasions, and as with all such, it isn't only the game that matters. The fun begins long before the kick-off with a parade and reunion behind the West Stand, which no conscientious anthropologist can afford to miss.

There are the clothes. Every weaver, warp, and weft that has ever been brought to bear on the construction of British tweed is on show, as though lent by the Victoria and Albert for the occasion.

There are the caps. If you think that one male cap is much like another, Twickenham will show you that there are more varieties of this simple article than were ever dreamed of in Mr. Heinz's philosophy.

As for the people, they are the most delightful collection of character parts in captivity.

**DIALOGUE**  
Striding across this paddock were massive clergymen who looked as though they used their pulpits for low-tackle practice when the verger wasn't looking; former internationals, like great crumbling trees; poor old fellows who can only have been there to be able to write to The Times afterwards claiming that they have not missed a match since 1880; outrageously large public schoolboys, and fresh-faced youths who turned out, on investigation, to be headmasters.

The dialogue was so invariable that it was possible to pass from one group to another and seem to remain in the same conversation.

"Good lord! Old Pulley-blank, isn't it? How are you, Pullers?"

"Splendid, old boy! Seen anything of old Splice-Bollinger?"

"No, old boy. Don't think he's up this year."

I was more than happy to see a number of craggy elderly gentlemen in those immensely long, dark-colored overcoats peculiar to eccentric headmasters of the old school. It was nice to know that a few of them are still about.

There were more women than I had expected—distinguishable from the men by their camel hair coats, beaver hats, and streaming eyes. Perhaps the presence of the young ones was not so surprising.

Spending Saturday afternoons on bleak Rugger grounds is one of the recognised endurance tests by which an Englishwoman must earn her man.

But what brought so many middle-aged and even elderly ladies to such an affair?

Were they sacrificial victims of a votive touchline, striving to recapture the first fine frozen rapture of a newly forgotten full-back? Or were they there to weep silently for the treachery of some faithless Harlequin of bygone days?

**NEVER KNOW**  
I shall never know, for this is an occasion when it is the men who seem to do all the talking. Everyone appears to know everyone else. One man (dapper in a squat way that suggested he may once have been a scrum half) even thought he knew me.

"It is, isn't it?" he beamed, crushing my hand painfully.

## Doris Hart Tops US National Ranking List

New York, Dec. 18. The "Old Guard" of American women's lawn tennis have kept the top three positions in the 1955 rankings recommended today by the Ranking Committee of the United States Lawn Tennis Association.

Miss Doris Hart, who won the National Championship for the second successive year, was a natural choice for number one but it will be her last appearance in the list as she is now a teaching professional in Florida.

Miss Shirley Fry was ranked number two—a mild surprise—ahead of Miss Louise Brough, the Wimbledon title-holder, who is number three.

Then follow in order Mrs. Dorothy Knotts Head, Mrs. Beverly Baker Flott, Mrs. Barbara Davidson, Miss Barbara Baret, Miss Althea Gibson, Miss Darlene Hard and Mrs. Dorothy Bundy Cheney.

The rankings will be confirmed at the annual meeting of the United States LTA on January 11.—United Press.

# Pape Breaks Road Race Record

R. H. Pape, Commissioned Master-at-Arms of the Royal Navy, captured the Colony's 10-Mile Road Race event yesterday in the record breaking time of 50 mins and 38.4 seconds.

Running four times around a circuit of two and half miles, the Marathon runner clocked 12 minutes 47.7 seconds in his first quarter, 25 mins 56.7 secs, at the completion of his second round, 38 mins 8.3 seconds at the end of the third and finished the 10-mile race by breaking the former record of 56 mins, and 25 secs set by S. Sgt. Peter West in 1952.

At the end of the strenuous test, he appeared to be almost as fresh as before the start of the gruelling trial.

Second place went to Lt. K. Burch of the Essex Regiment who also broke the Colony's record by finishing in 56 mins 35.7 secs.

Cpl A. L. Smith of the King's Own Regiment came third. He clocked 56 mins and 40.0 seconds which was 14.4 seconds below the former record.

### WALKING RACE

In the two and half mile walking race, Kennedy-Skipiton of the European YMCA again came in first with a record time of 21 mins and 59.5 secs. His former record was 22 mins, and 42 secs. Ng Hing-chi, of the Hongkong Police Athletic Club, finished a close second.

In the team event of the 10-Mile Road Race, South China AA came first with the 1st Bn. of the Essex Regiment in second place.

There were 64 competitors taking part in the annual event and 58 finished the 10-mile course. Seven joined in the walking race with all completing the distance, though two were disqualified.

## Ten Russian Horses To Compete In Trotting Race

Paris, Dec. 18. Ten Russian horses will compete in a series of international trotting races at Vincennes early in the next year.

Mr. Prokhorov Parushev, director of the Russian National Stud, said here that the horses, together with a party of 20, including trainers, riders and stable boys, would arrive in France about January 10. It will be the first time since the beginning of the century that Russian horses have run on French race-courses.

Four of them will compete in the Prix D'Amerique, Europe's most important trotting event on January 29. — China Mail Special.

## International Tennis Results

Tunis, Tunisia, Dec. 18. US tennis star Budgie Patty beat Italy's Sirolo on Saturday night 2-4, 6-2, 6-0 in play at a local international tournament at the Tunis fair.

Other results: Darmon (France) beat Drobny (Egypt) 7-5, 6-2, 6-0, 4-0, 7-5. Patty Molinari (US-France) beat Drobny-Darmon 8-1, 8-0.—United Press.

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(a) Fantasia (K.475)

Adagio

Allegro

Andantino

Piu Allegro

Tempo 1

(b) Sonata (K.457)

Allegro

Adagio

Allegretto

— INTERVAL —

(c) Sonata in A minor (K.511)

(d) Sonata in D major (K.559)

(e) Cigue in G major (K.574)

(f) "Eine Kleine Cigue"

Sonata in A major (K.531)

Andante grazioso (Variation)

Allegretto

Allegro

### PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, 5TH JANUARY.

Fantasia in C major, Op. 15

("Windmiller") SCHUBERT

Allegro con fuoco ma con troppo

Adagio

Allegro

Sonata in E minor, L.127

Tempo

Allegro energico

Recitativo

Andante sostenuto

Allegro energico (Ragato)

Preghiera

Andante sostenuto

Tempo

— INTERVAL —

Poems of the sea, KENNETH BLOCH

1. Waves

2. Sea Shanty

3. At sea

4. Storm

5. A ship

6. A ship

7. A ship

8. A ship

9. A ship



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# SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

## New Techniques Bring Added Lustre To Costume Jewels

Many Novel Designs For The 1956  
British Industries Fair  
By Mona Curran

Recognising the need for more imagina-  
tive design and craftsmanship to meet  
growing competition, British manufacturers  
of costume jewellery have been  
experimenting over the past twelve months  
with new production methods and  
techniques and with new colour processes.

How successful they have  
been overseas buyers may judge  
at the British Industries Fair at  
Earls Court, London, from  
February 22 to March 2, where  
many of the latest costume  
jewellery pieces will be dis-  
played. (Other sections of the  
British Industries Fair will be  
held at Olympia, London, and  
Castle Bromwich, Birmingham,  
from April 22 to May 4.)

★ ★ ★

Centrifugal casting method  
new kinds of rhinestones and  
pearls, the use of beads in com-  
bination with paste and a new  
range of widely varied designs  
have made Britain a formidable  
competitor in the costume  
jewellery market.

Factories have greatly ex-  
tended and new manufacturers  
continue to enter the field.  
One of the most notable  
developments has been the  
entry of the top dress designers  
including Queen Elizabeth II's  
dressmaker, Norman Hartnell.  
Jewellery design and manu-  
facture. This initiative on the  
part of the dressmakers has  
been stimulating to the trade,  
which is prospering as a result.

Some of the most striking  
pieces at the Fair will be found  
in the maracite jewellery dis-  
play. One firm, for example, is  
using real maracite with real  
coloured pearls which it is put-  
ting on the market at extremely  
reasonable prices. Included in  
this range will be earrings of  
pearls set in maracite.

In order not to be over-  
whelmed by anticipated big  
orders, the manufacturers have  
held up the launching of this  
line until they have built up a  
good supply of the pearls. This  
means that buyers at the Fair  
can be sure of having their  
orders met without delivery  
delays.

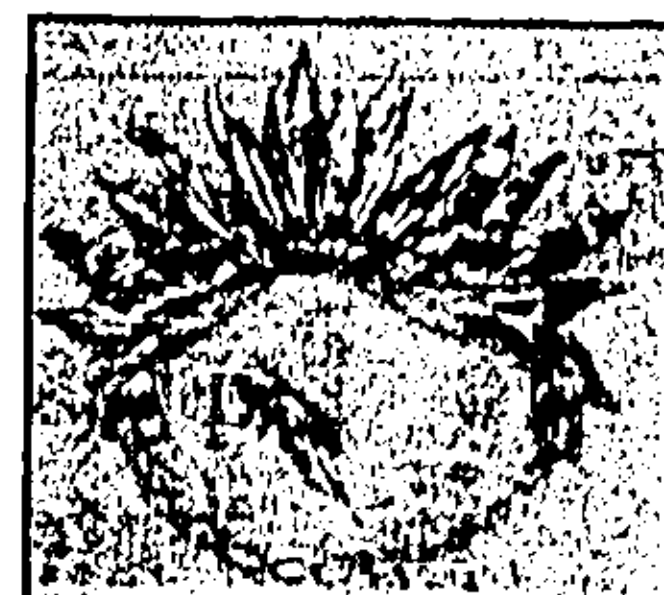
The same firm will also be  
showing a large range of red  
maracite jewellery in sets  
packed in special display boxes.  
Another new idea which is at  
launching at the BIF is that of  
"space" coloured jewellery  
consisting of rows of coloured  
beads interspersed with paste-  
made blue beads, for instance,  
with aquamarines, or sapphire-  
coloured paste and beads, in  
sets of necklace, bracelets and  
earrings.

★ ★ ★

Jewellery set with what is  
known as "black diamonds"—  
dark stones like smoky-coloured  
"diamonds"—is yet another  
novelty which will be on view.  
These "diamonds" are used  
mainly in conjunction with  
crystal beads—the rage in  
America. For this jewellery a  
new technique is used which  
has just been perfected in  
Britain, though the stones them-  
selves are imported. The result  
is to bring interesting new  
jewellery within the reach of  
practically every woman.

Colour is also to be featured  
with "iris" stones—a type of  
rhinestone of vivid rainbow  
hues. These, too, will be shown  
at the Fair made up into sets of  
necklace, earrings, brooch and  
broochet which can also be  
bought as individual pieces. The  
variations of colours in these  
stones make them jewels which  
can be worn with any coloured  
outfit and are particularly  
successful with printed materials.

Coloured enamel and mar-  
acite jewellery will be featured  
by a London firm. The silver  
gleam of the maracite provides  
an excellent foil for the colour-  
ful enamel, and is particularly  
effective in whorl designs with  
alternating rows of differently  
coloured enamel and maracite.  
Another novelty in maracite  
which will be shown uses  
"stones" of maracite which are



This picture in fine paste,  
hand-set in silver from the  
collection of D. Ackerman and  
Sons, Ltd. of 103 Great Port-  
land Street, London, W.1.  
The fragile appearance of the  
leafy designs follows the new  
trend for more delicate motifs.

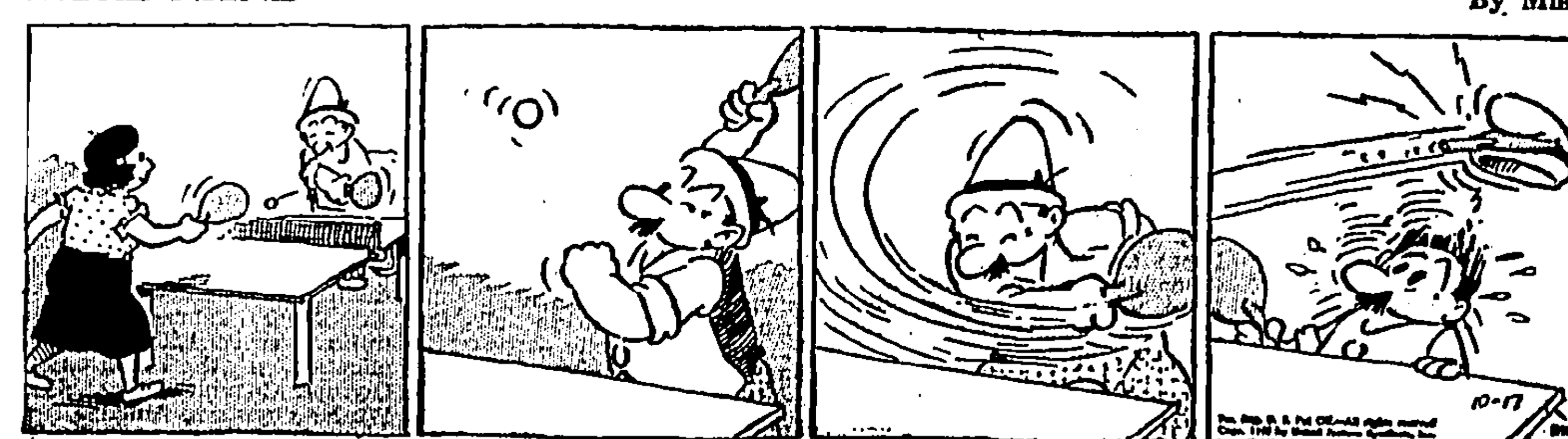
hand-set in rhodium plate,  
achieving the appearance of  
silver at less than half the cost.

★ ★ ★  
Designs in jewellery using  
maracite and coloured enamel  
will mainly take the form of  
animals, birds and figures.  
There will be baby deer, birds  
and French poodles in natural  
colourings, the latter in black,  
white and brown, with beautiful  
shaded effects. A rich blue  
enamel is used in some of these  
jewels to give a bold effect  
aimed especially at appeal to  
the overseas market.

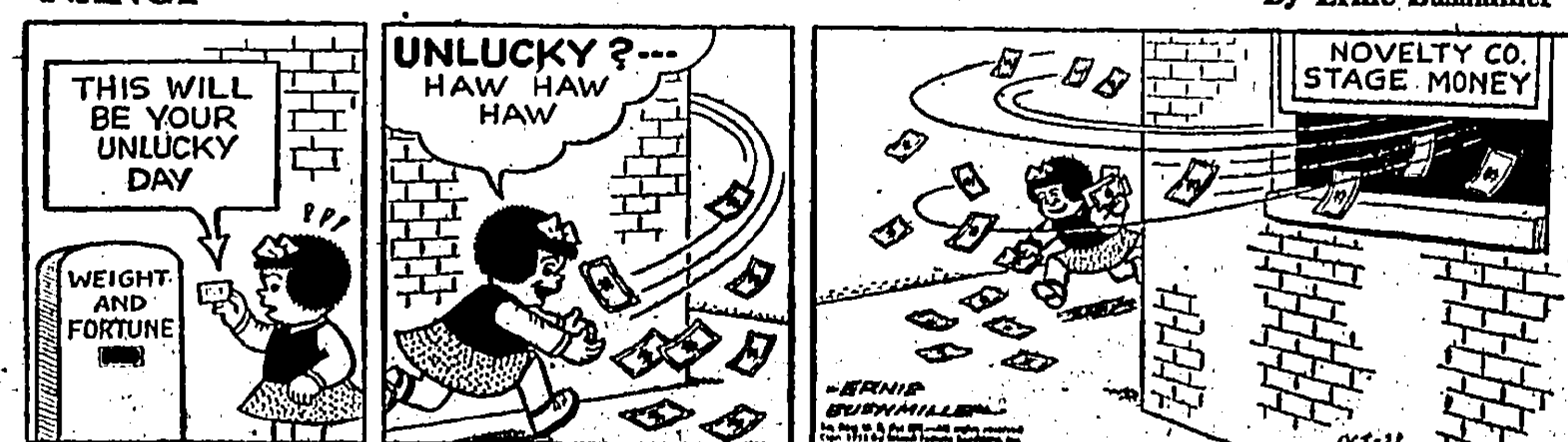
## MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN



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## TINNED MILK SENT ON 20,000-MILE TRIP AS AN EXPERIMENT

TINS of canned milk are being shipped from London to Hongkong and  
other Far Eastern ports and all the way back again to Britain, a  
journey of 20,000 miles. This is because research experts are trying to  
find better ways of shipping the canned milk.

A London firm which  
exports thousands of  
cans to the Tropics each  
year is sending con-  
signments in ships' holds  
specially heated to  
different temperatures.

And cases picked at  
random from the  
cargoes are shipped back  
to London for checking  
to see how they have  
travelled.

### Cans get rusty

Cases packed in cool  
Britain are often  
affected by condensation  
when they are unloaded  
in the Tropics.

Cans gets rusty, and  
labels often have to be  
replaced.

Heated holds stop the  
damaging condensation.  
And these round trips  
teach the company ex-  
perts and the shipping  
men the correct tem-  
peratures for the job.

(London Express Service)

## Machine That Dries Airport Runways

By Allan Murray

(as broadcast in the Spanish-American Service of the  
British Broadcasting Corporation)

A British-built machine which is believed to  
be the first of its kind anywhere in the world has  
lately been attracting considerable interest from  
the makers and operators of aircraft in several  
countries.

It is a giant suction tank  
which, by means of a specially  
designed vacuum apparatus, can  
quickly remove about 2,000  
litres of water at a time from  
the rain-drenched runways of  
airfields.

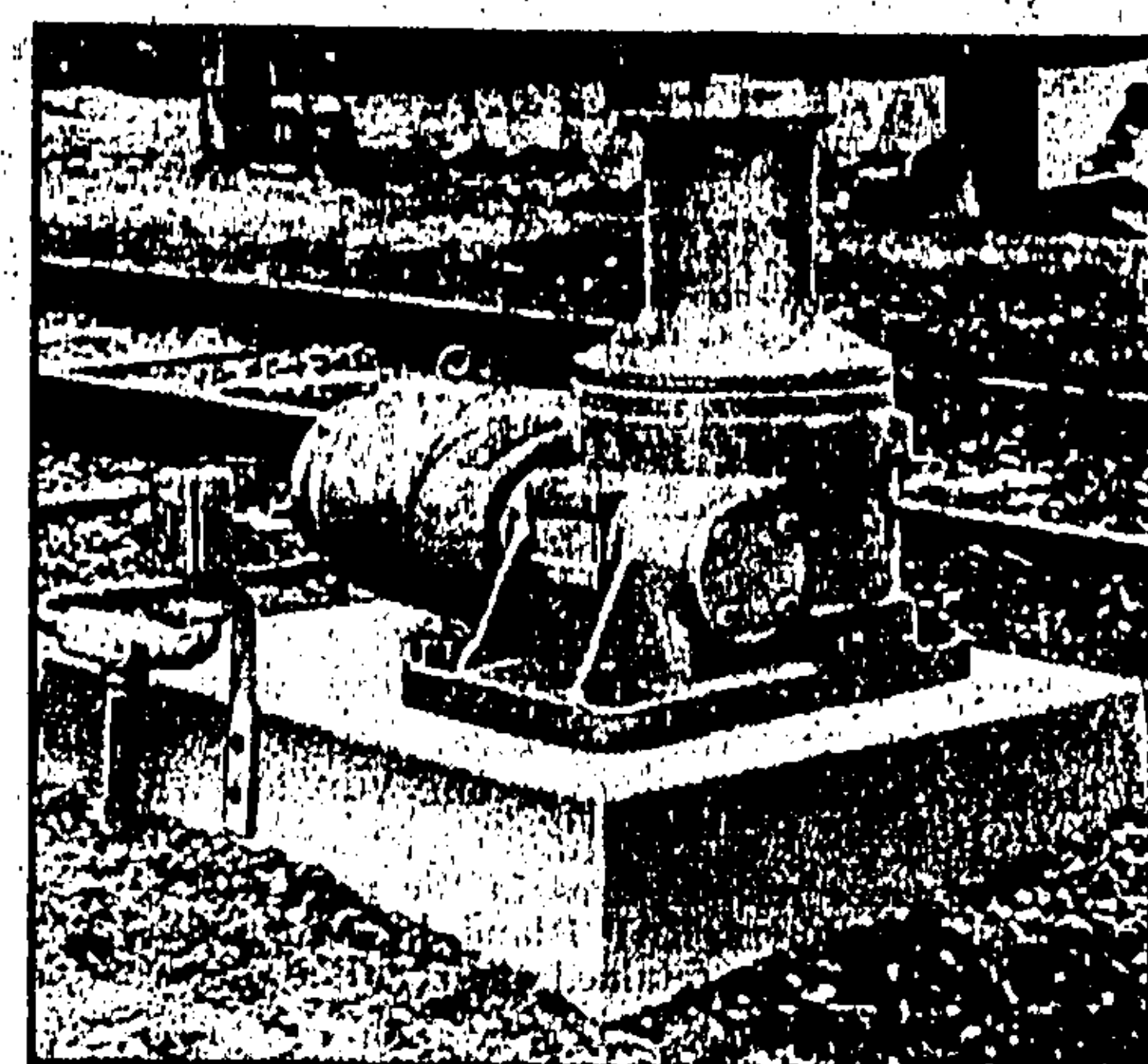
The tank, which is painted  
bright yellow to be easily dis-  
tinguishable from the air, is  
completely mobile. It can be  
towed by any standard tractor.  
Its total weight is three tons,  
and it cleans up a path about  
two metres wide in one opera-  
tion.

First Used On Cricket Grounds  
The machine has an interest-  
ing history. It is the adaptation  
of a piece of equipment originally  
designed to dry the turf on

some of England's most im-  
portant cricket grounds, where  
heavy rain—of which England  
has its fair share—is an  
occasional menace to this popu-  
lar national game.

For two seasons it has given  
good service on the playing  
fields. Now its makers, the firm  
of Cline-Fraser Tison Ltd.,  
have developed this new version  
—which they call the "Aero-  
duck"—specifically for removing  
water from flooded runways.

Already the first "Aeroduck"  
has been delivered to the well-  
known aircraft firm of Vickers-  
Armstrongs, who use it on one  
of their test beds to dry a path  
rapidly for jet aircraft about to  
land in very wet weather.



## Electric Capstan Is Self-Contained

A SELF-CONTAINED  
electric capstan has  
been developed by a British  
firm, primarily to provide  
a simple, inexpensive  
alternative to a locomotive  
for shunting wagons on  
sidings at factories, pit-  
heads, docks, harbours,  
power stations and so on.

Called the Lo-Hed, it can  
be used for pulling any-  
thing that will roll or slide,  
on the level or up inclines,  
(and by use of guide  
rollers) around curves or  
corners.

Its many additional uses  
include pulling skids or heavy  
industrial equipment, hauling  
fixtures, bending pipes, dragging  
timber overground, and shore  
landing of boats.

An important feature is the  
unobstructed vertical barrel  
which allows free handling of  
the rope from any angle.

The rope is not limited to a  
single direction as with horizon-  
tal barrels.

### Weatherproof

Further, the unit is self-  
contained above ground level  
so that there is no necessity for  
excavating a large hole to  
accommodate any machinery  
underground.

The capstan is fully weather-  
proof and is driven by a five  
horse-power squirrel-cage motor,  
running at 1,500 revolutions per  
minute.

The starting pull is 5,000  
pounds (2,267 kilograms) and the  
single-line speed is 45 feet (13.7  
metres) per minute when the  
load is on the move.

It is capable of pulling wagon  
loads of more than 100 tons at a  
time on a level track.

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Formosa, Japan, U.S.A., 6 p.m.  
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By Air  
Peking, Shanghai, Kuning, Han-  
kow, 8 a.m.  
Thailand, 9 a.m.  
North Borneo, Australia, New Zea-  
land, 10 a.m.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

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China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.  
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Great Britain and Europe, 10 a.m.  
Macao, 1 p.m.  
Japan, 2 p.m.  
Macao, 5 p.m.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

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China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.  
Malaya, Burma, India, 10 a.m.  
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### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

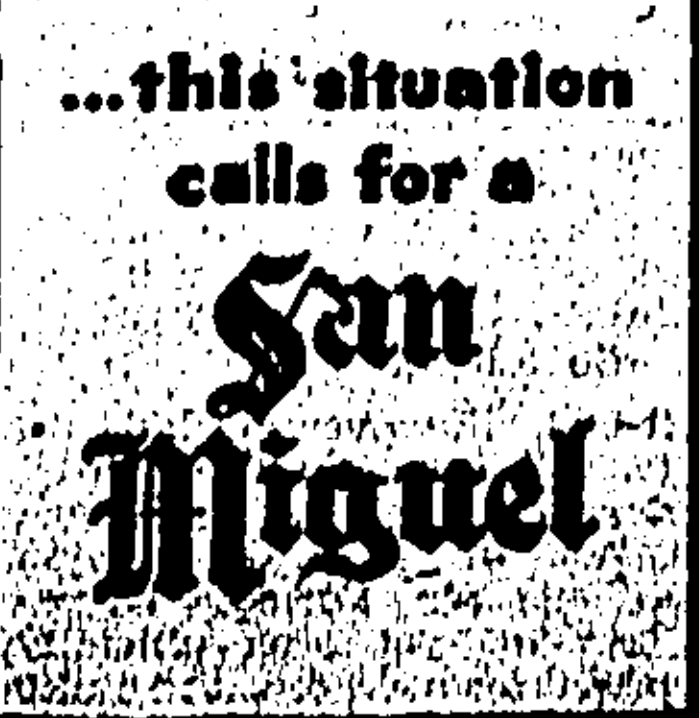
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### MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

By Air  
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.  
Malaya, Burma, India, 10 a.m.  
Great Britain and Europe, 10 a.m.  
Macao, 1 p.m.  
Japan, 2 p.m.  
Macao, 5 p.m.

## Patrol Attacked

Tel-Aviv, Dec. 18.  
An Egyptian outpost on the  
Gaza strip, opened fire with  
heavy machineguns twice today  
against an Israeli patrol near  
Kisufim settlement, said an  
Israeli army spokesman today.  
This is the fifth incident on the  
Egyptian-Israeli line during  
the past three days—France  
Press.





## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

NEW YORK  
COTTON  
MARKET  
REVIEW

By William T. Plunkett

New York, Dec. 18.  
Cotton futures last week staged a smart recovery after dropping back to the lowest level in a fortnight.

Prices at Friday's close ruled 14 to 41 points 65 cents to \$2.05 a bale higher than the preceding week.

Nearly deliveries led the rebound when the earlier setback signalled a broad-based demand from domestic textile mill interests, along with buying by shippers, supposedly against export commitments.

The nearby March contract rallied from a low of 33 cents to 33 3/4 cents a pound equivalent to \$3.75 a bale before the market ran into opposition. The expanded trade pointed up the optimistic accounts from the cotton goods trade, where some mills are working on order backlogs extending into the second quarter of 1956. That news, in turn, pointed up the higher rate of domestic raw cotton consumption.

## Offtake

The Census Bureau on Friday reported the mill offtake of raw cotton in November reached 741,447 bales. The figure came about 15,000 bales over expectations and compared with 737,056 bales used in October and 703,307 bales consumed in November last year.

The average rate of daily use last month moved up to 37,072 bales from 36,853 bales in October and 35,166 in November last year.

The increasingly heavy rate of producer shipments under the Government Loan clouded trade predictions that eventually 6,000,000 bales might wind up under the loan program, an amount sufficient to lift the potential surplus from the free market.

Statistics figured domestic consumption this season around 9,000,000 bales and "free" market exports of 2,000,000 bales already in the loan, the current crop prospect for around 15,000,000 bales accounted for. If 2,000,000 more bales go into the loan hereafter, most of the surplus would be off the free market. United Press.

Singapore  
Stock Market

Singapore, Dec. 19.  
Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

Bata Lintang Rubber Co.	11.00
British Overseas Petroleum	42/-
Synthetic Rubber Ltd.	30/-
Consolidated Tin Smelters	30/-
Ord.	30/-
Fraser & Neave Ltd. Ord.	11.70
Fraser & Neave 7 1/2 cum.	10.00
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	8.00
Hongkong Tin Ltd.	82.20
Kempas Ltd.	22.20
Lunas Rubber Estates Ltd.	3.70
Malayan Breweries	33.30
New Serendah Rubber Co. Ltd.	1.00
Petaling Tin Ltd.	14.40
Raffles Hotel	22.20
Singapore Cold Storage Co. Ltd.	1.00
South British Insurance Co. Ltd.	27.50
Strait Trading	22.25
Strait Steamship	113.10
United Engineers Ord.	11.00
Weare Bros.	27.75

—China Mail Special.

New York Stock  
Market Review

By ELMER WALZER

New York, Dec. 18.  
Stocks declined during the past week on reduced volume.

The market simply could not rise in its day to day operations. It did manage to close higher on Friday but even so it was well below the highs.

There was a combination of year-end tax selling year and reinvestment with the tax selling the dominant factor.

Market news, notably business operations, were on the bullish side but to no avail for list.

At the close on Friday, the industrial average stood at 422.08, off 5.58 points; Railroad, 101.30, off 3.58; utilities, 64.37, off 1.45; a wide decline for that average and 08 stocks, 171.01, off 2.75. The Eastern Pipe Line was the big loser in the utilities. It closed the week at 74 1/2, off 5 1/2 points from last Friday's close.

## AMERICAN ECONOMY

New Records Expected In  
Most Segments  
Of National Industries

By JOHN MORKA

New York, Dec. 18.

As 1955 draws to a close, there appears to be few clouds in the economic picture.

Christmas buying soars to record levels with sales reported to be also all-time high.

WEEKLY  
TEXTILE  
MARKETS

New York, Dec. 18.

Cotton textile mills last week entered the Christmas holiday season on a subdued note of cheerful optimism.

Resting on an order backlog extending into the second quarter, mill owners looked ahead to the first half of 1956 with a growing feeling of confidence.

The steady increase in the volume of sales over the past six months, at a gradually ascending price scale, has left little doubt available this side of early spring. Some plants are heavily held into the second period.

A few executives, likened the situation to the "boom days of the postwar period." But more cautious observers, talking about the "shadowy spots in the picture," moderated prediction because of the fear of Japanese competition and the labour union pressure for higher wages, and other increased production costs.

Reviewing the statistical picture of the industry, record-keepers emphasized that at end-October, mill stocks of broad woven cotton were equivalent to three weeks supply, while unfilled orders were equivalent to 11 1/2 weeks production.

Aggregate shipments of new orders of cotton fabrics through October were reported 8.9 per cent higher than at the same time last year. Executives thought the ratios improved since the figures were compiled six weeks ago.

Optimists peering ahead expected an increase for three reasons: 1. Low stocks in distribution channels in face of a broad-based movement of all types of finished cotton piece goods; 2. National expansion in heavy industries with the likelihood of a growing demand for heavy-weight cotton goods; 3. New chills in the "cold war" and retailers to carry heavier inventories.

Yarn spinners reported an equally bright picture; many knitwear producers already have ordered on the bulk of their needs for the first quarter. Most spinners are inclined to quote higher prices for second quarter delivery and are not crowding bids beyond March 1.—United Press.

## Steel Shortage

Business is booming elsewhere, indications are that new records will be set in just about every segment of U.S. economic activity.

However, there were some developments which seemed to worry some groups. Among the factors held these days are the following: The big build up in auto production despite a slackening in sales; decline in housing construction; tightening of credit and high interest rates; the troublesome farm situation and the uncertainties which are about to arise in speculation as to whether President Eisenhower will run for office next year.

## Steel Shortage

Still others worry about the growing pressure for supplies of critical metals, such as lead, copper, zinc, and steel especially in view of the 12 per cent rise in construction forecast for 1956.

Some economists insist on the advance in metal prices eventually will spur an inflationary spiral next year.

The Journal of Commerce, however, is inclined to discount the overall effect of the tight metals situation. It feels that the metal shortages are apt to act as a restraining influence rather than an added stimulus to industry, it said, and might even in it advisable to postpone some of its expansion plans because of these metal shortages.

Meanwhile steel shortage continues without let-up. Iron Age Magazine says "It is still much more than a 50-50 chance that steel prices will rise moderately before March 1."

Demand for copper, lead and zinc meanwhile was reported better than normal last week, with expectations that this strong position will carry over into early 1956. Manufacturers of copper products are still on the lookout for new sources as December supplies are just about exhausted.

Other observers are watching the build-up of inventories. Some feel that industry is producing more now than it is buying. That's the thought of US News and World Report in its current business analysis. The build-up of inventories has been gradual, it notes, but now is gaining speed.

## Accumulation

The government October report shows a 700 million gain, an increase of 3.8 billion from a year ago. This October increase took place while the stocks were being held down during the model changeover.

The Cleveland Trust Company noted also this new trend saw nothing to worry about. The dollar rise in business inventories this year reflects accumulation of stocks and to some extent, higher cost of material purchased.

"But the increase so far has not kept pace with rising sales," the Bank declared. "In view of this, a continued build-up of inventories can be expected at least during the next few months, although accumulation may not persist throughout all of 1956."

The International Statistical Bureau anticipates a further gain in inventories. It minimizes concerns about this gain until possibly after the first quarter or during the second quarter. The Bureau anticipates that inventories of non-durable goods will increase in the coming months, it added.

Totals of inventories of non-durable goods at the end of October were 2 per cent higher than at the corresponding period in 1954. Durable goods at the end of October showed an increase of 7 per cent.

## Ike's Ambitions

Meanwhile, some durable goods prices were moving lower at the producer level. According to the Journal of Commerce, the move is not yet broad enough to be labelled a trend. It represents rather a reversal of an earlier price rise policy. Isolated cuts in major appliances and on some auto models was regarded as one phase of a better battle for sales leadership.

Meanwhile, US business circles talk much about President Eisenhower's presidential ambitions for 1956. Whatever he does, most observers anticipate a high level of economic activity next year. The President is generally considered the top vote-getter for the Republican Party. However, should he renounce his candidacy some observers see the odds favouring Democrats.

However, the stock market, some feel, might take a tumble. It is explained, the present level of stock prices is predicted on a good deal of what might be called "Eisenhower confidence."

One analyst, Mr. Paul T. Babson, President of United Business Service, made the following stock market forecast. Giving the minimum expectation for each Dow-Jones average—industrials, rails and utilities—he lists two figures for the top levels—one to apply if President Eisenhower runs for re-election and a lower one if he does not.

## Forecast

On this basis, his forecast:

Dow-Jones Industrials	440 to 560
Dow-Jones rails	145 to 175-185
Dow-Jones utilities	52 to 70.75

At the close of the week the D-J industrial average was 482.08; rails, 161.30; utilities, 64.34.—United Press.

LONDON STOCK  
MARKET REVIEW

By C. T. HALLINAN

London, Dec. 18.

Stock markets were rather subdued last week, losing—rather suddenly—the pleasant bounce they displayed during the first week in December.

Factors included Mr. Butler's announcement that "credit squeeze" was intended "to bite and hurt" and the November trade figures which suggested that the balance-of-trade problem is a long, long way this side of solution.

The November figures on the loans made by commercial banks show that "personal and financial" loans have already been sharply cut but that the loans to important industries, while they have certainly been halted, have not been actually reduced, according to President Eisenhower's political future have also been a factor in London though not one easy to measure.

There was some American selling which lowered Imperial

South African  
Gold Output

Johannesburg, Dec. 17.

Total declared gold output during November of member mines of the Transvaal and Orange Free State Chamber of Mines who are gold producers only was 59,993 ounces against 512,624 in October.

Gold output of member mines who are gold and uranium producers aggregated 892,034 ounces against 395,194. Miscellaneous mines who are members of the Chamber had a November gold output of 4,076 ounces against 3,132 while miscellaneous other producers (non-members) returned an output of 49,492 ounces against 38,405.

Native labour employed in the gold mines in November totalled 289,289 against 303,801 in October, while employment in the coal mines totalled 27,168 against 27,845.—China Mail Special.

US TO KEEP  
COTTON  
CONTROLS

Washington, Dec. 18.

American cotton farmers have voted overwhelmingly to continue production controls on the 1956 crop.

They will adhere to the controls on a reduced national acreage in order to collect the full level of government price supports, which will be set somewhere between 75 and 80 per cent of parity. Congressional sources have predicted the support figure will be about 85 per cent.

Farmers in 21 cotton-producing states rolled up a margin of 93 per cent in favour of controls in last Tuesday's national referendum. Of 287,420 votes cast, 267,235 favoured controls and 20,191 opposed. The total vote was about 20 per cent lighter than last year's referendum which approved controls by 92 per cent.

## Approval

About 25 per cent of the nation's 1,300,000 cotton farmers voted.

Growers of extra long staple cotton—produced in Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, New Mexico, Texas, and Puerto Rico—also approved controls by 90.5 per cent. Only 1,002 extra long staple votes were cast.

The voters approved Secretary of Agriculture Mr. Ezra T. Benson's proclamation of a cotton marketing quota of 10,000,000 bales to be grown next year on 17,391,304 acres.—United Press.

## Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per £1)	0.52
Sterling notes (per £1)	15.21
Australian notes (per £1)	12.57
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	15.70
Siam tical (per 100)	23.70
Singapore (Straits)	1.80

US COTTON  
CONSUMPTION

Washington, Dec. 18.

The Census Bureau said today about 741,447 running bales of cotton were consumed in the United States last November compared to 703,307 in November 1954.

In its monthly report to industry on cotton and linens statistics, the Bureau said 3,070,507 bales were consumed during four months through November compared to 2,895,524 during the same period a year ago.

Cotton on hand during the last working day of November, 1955, totalled 1,553,485 bales in consuming establishments and 10,807,483 in public storage and at compresses. Comparative figures for the same day of the previous year were 10,352,000 active cotton-consuming spindles in the United States on the last working day of November 1955, as compared to 10,340,000 on the same day a year ago.—United Press.

HONGKONG  
STOCK  
EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$410,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

## SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS	
HK Bank	1700
INSURANCES	
Union	917 1/2
Lombard	63

DOCKS, ETC.	
K. Wharf	60 1/2
Swire	25 1/2
Provident (O)	15.30
Wheelock	6.40 6.40
	3000 @ 8.45

LAND, ETC.	
HK Hotel	17.50
HK Hotel	62 3/4
Huimpreys	19 1/2

UTILITIES	
Tram	23.20 23.60
Yau Ma Tei	100 @ 23.30
C. Light (O)	22.20
C. Light (N)	10.40
Electric	40 1/2
Telephone	22 1/2
	200 @ 32 1/2
	400 @ 33

## INDUSTRIALS

Common	30 30 1/2
	1750 @ 36

## STORES, ETC.

Daily	18.70
Watson	13.40
	25 @ 18.00
	500 @ 13.60

## COTTONS

Textile Corp.	0.80 0.80
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## MISCELLANEOUS

Yantai	0.50
Allied	0.50
	2000 @ 0.50
	1000 @ 0.50
	1000 @ 0.50

—United Press.

The Bank of England  
Statement

London, Dec. 18.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended Dec. 14, reads as follows:

Note in circulation	1,870,594,468
Public deposits	10,194,000
Private deposits	360,719,972
Government securities	251,529,954
Other securities	29,518,878
Reserve	1,110,972,115.50
Ratio	32.104,739
Receipts	—United Press.

The Bank of France  
Statement

Paris, Dec. 18.

The Bank of France statement for the week ended Dec. 8, reads as follows:

Total gold holding	201,201,501.223
Total other currencies	10,000,170.423
Sight balance abroad	200,000,000.000
Advances to Stabilisation Fund	252,900,000.000
Total bills discount	1,110,972,115.50
Bank note in circulation	2,739,135,523.640
Current accounts and deposits	114,233,203.274
	—United Press.

US RAW COTTON  
EXPORTS

New York, Dec. 18.

Raw cotton exports by destination as reported in bales by the New York Cotton Exchange for the 1955-56 season to Dec. 18 were as follows:

Britain	49,840
Canada	170,456
Ceylon	22,178
China	51,921
Total for season	1,620,510
Season closed last year	1,223,523

—United Press.

Japanese Overseas  
Investments  
Show Increase

Tokyo, Dec. 18.

The Foreign Office reported today that Japanese overseas investments the past two years increased in "sizeable proportions" and predicted "new progress" will be made in the future.

The Foreign Office said in its information bulletin that "investments overseas by Japanese private industries have been registering advances of sizeable proportions" during the past two years.

"In the form of technical aid or joint ventures through investment in cash or capital goods," the report said, "the activities of Japanese industries abroad are expected to make new progress with the conclusion of repatriation agreements with accompanying provisions for economic co-operation."

The Foreign Office said five major factors led to the increase in investments abroad:

1. Saturation of the domestic market.
2. Need for raw materials from overseas.
3. Increasing exports of Japanese machinery and plant equipment has led to more nations seeking Japan's aid in industrialization programmes.
4. It is easier to export capital goods with technicians under joint ventures.
5. South and Southeast Asia and South and Central American industrialists tend more and more to use their funds in combination with Japanese techniques.

The Foreign Office said Japan's overseas investments were classified roughly into three types—stocks, technical aid and loans.

It pointed out that in the past Japan has established joint enterprises in foreign nations, provided machinery and plant equipment, sent high-class technicians, or used a combination of all three in making foreign investments.

## Summary

The Foreign Office released the following nation-by-nation summary of overseas investments:

**CEYLON:** A joint Japanese-Ceylonese fishery company has been established with Japan investing about \$500,000 in fishing boats. The Japanese will also establish a glass bottle factory.

**INDIA:** Asahi Glass has "just about" completed arrangements to take over a half-built glass plant and operate it as a new company. The new company will be capitalised at approximately 525,000,000 yen with Asahi Glass holding 51 per cent of the total shares.

Taiyo Fisheries has contracted to form a joint fisheries company. Negotiations also are under way or have been concluded under which Japan will send technicians to help out in manufacturing weaving machinery.

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**SHEAFFER'S**  
ADMIRAL "SNORKEL" PEN

## OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

### Now The Doc May Lose Party Leadership

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Dec. 13.

The fate of Dr Evatt, Leader of the Opposition and of the Federal Parliamentary Labour Party will have been decided by the time you read this, but at the moment the spotlight of Australia is focussed on a small white building in suburban Kogarah where electoral officers are counting votes which, finally, could put him out of Parliament.

Win or lose, however, a showdown over the Labour leadership is certain. Three times now he has led his Party at the polls and each time he has been defeated—this time in a shattering fashion.

Privately, a lot of Labour men see a happy way out of a problem should he lose his Barton seat. Then another leader would have to be elected without the thought of conflicting loyalties should the Doc scrap home and again be a candidate for Party office.

Already the Labour men are looking around to see who they have left that would make a leader, and heads are being turned toward the ageing Norman Makin, a Navy Minister in the Chifley Government and a former Australian Ambassador to Washington.

#### A FORECAST

The name of dear Allan Fraser has also been mentioned and whether he pulls it off this time or not, we repeat the forecast we made 12 months ago—that Allan Fraser will be an Australian Prime Minister. We are equally positive—also forecast about 12 months ago—that Doc Evatt never will be.

One of the tragedies of the Labour Party in this series of defeats is that gradually they are taking from the ranks and from the House some of its most able men.

Nelson Lennman, a young Minister in the Chifley Government—and who was being groomed for leadership—has lost his seat; P. C. Clancy, former head of the powerful Australian Council of Trade Unions, is almost certain to go out into the political wilderness in Bendigo; R. T. Pollard, another Chifley Minister, is fighting grimly to hold on to his seat.

Worse still, Labour has not had the chance of gaining new blood, its four successive defeats (one under Chifley and three under Evatt) has succeeded only in building up the ranks of its opponents.

The election, of course, was a triumph for Prime Minister Menzies. His Party collapsed

under him in the early war years and there were all signs that R. G. Menzies was completely finished as a political figure and as a leader.

#### GREAT COMEBACK

But he made a remarkable comeback in 1949 and since then has gone on to establish a record term for a Prime Minister—eight years, 117 days, beating the record of the late W. M. Hughes.

At present it looks as though he will manage to struggle through in the Senate—something which the Liberals in their wildest dreams did not believe to be possible—and with a record majority in the House of Representatives, and what amounts to an open cheque from the electors, and a full three years to spend it in, he has the game at his feet.

The next three years are going to be vital ones for this country and it will be interesting to see how he makes out.

#### KICK IN THE SHINS

This strike by masters of interstate vessels has given our ideas of this sort of thing a rather rude kick in the shins. We always had an idea that, in the main, strikes were always something organized by workers for an extra ten bob a week—something of that nature. We also had the idea that once the matter came before a court the parties concerned did—again in the main—what the court ordered.

In the skippers' strike, however, they are going for pilotage fees which could mean, for some of them, up to £40 a week and give them a gross salary exceeding that of the Chief Justice.

They have, moreover, completely ignored the court's order to take their ships to sea.

The strange part of all this is that while the ships are tied up,

and the owners no doubt losing more than pin money, the skippers are living aboard the ships, enjoying the ship's services and eating the owner's food.

Seems somewhat odd.

We have just about had the full cycle of strikes.

Only a few weeks ago the firemen walked out and left Sydney to burn the dead

mounted up because of a

grave-diggers' strike while the

quick couldn't be moved be-

cause of the busmen, and now

the skippers are sulking in

their cabins.

#### CHRISTMAS ARRIVES

Even if a jam-packed city, perspiring Father Christmases, squeaky carols being blared out from departmental stores, unusually high prices and crumby policemen didn't indicate the fact that it is Christmas, the total absence of bottled beer and Scotch whisky by nip only certainly would.

Hotel keepers blame brewers for lack of bottled beer and import restrictions for the absence of Scotch. They could be right about both, but unless you know someone who knows someone you can give away all ideas of building up a private cellar for the holidays.

Retailers say Christmas spending isn't quite up to the mark of last year. They are moving stock rather faster, but miss the big buying of country people and blame the downgraded wool cheque.

#### DARING TECHNIQUE

The fantastic story of RAAF pilots snatching rockets in flight has come from Woomera rocket range. The pilots have become so skilled in a daring new technique that they miss only one rocket out of every 10.

Rockets which are released at the testing ground contain the most delicate instruments which record all sorts of information. Previously, at the end of its flight an explosion ejected a parachute which brought the rocket to the ground.

But this was not good enough, the instruments more often than not being wrecked as soon as the rocket made contact with the ground.

Now a jet RAAF aircraft, fitted with an aluminium loop near the tail, intercepts the rocket as it comes down by chute catching the chute in the aluminium loop. The pilot then manoeuvres his plane down to a ravine, which has a wire stretched across it, and this snatches the rocket from the plane and ground crews can then lower it to earth quite undamaged.

First, we have a jet picking up a slowly moving object, then it has to foul a wire deliberately. Mr Howard Beale, the Minister in charge of the Rocket Range, released the story last week. He said the technique, developed entirely by the RAAF, had been responsible for the gathering of valuable scientific data, and had saved Australia and Britain a considerable amount of money.

He added that even the Yanks were more than a little impressed.

#### NEW STANDARD

There seems little doubt now that our Olympic Games next year are going to set a new standard. This week a visiting Italian Olympic delegation described Olympic Village as the best ever organised for any Olympic games.

The Organising Committee, which has been needed rather severely by the world's newspaper for the last two years, last week organised a tour for sporting editors, aldermen and politicians.

This tour revealed that every job, except the cycling track, is up to or ahead of schedule. Olympic Village could be finished in less than a month, but the Committee is going slow there because they don't want squatters moving into the houses.

So far more than £8 million has been spent, but a mighty job has been done, and will be only small change from the good that Australia will gain from well organised Games.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Here's a brief case Mom is buying Pop, and he's buying her a purse! What a miserable Christmas married people have!"

### Alleged Mosquito Breeding Club Secretary Acquitted

Guy Searls, the Secretary of the Foreign Correspondents' Club, was acquitted by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning on a summons of failing to prevent a recurrence of breeding of mosquitoes in an unused flower-pot at the Club six months ago.

In dismissing the summons, the Magistrate said that there was an element of doubt in the Prosecution's case.

Searls, defended by Mr P. D. O'Almida Remedios of Messrs M.A. da Silva and Company, had pleaded not guilty to the charge. Health Inspector Lui Chi-shun conducted the Prosecution.

The summons alleged that Searls, while being "a responsible person" of the Club, failed to comply with a notice served on him on June 8 requiring him within 48 hours to take steps to prevent the recurrence of the breeding of mosquitoes on the premises of 41A Conduit Road.

The Prosecution's last witness, T. Shum-yu, told the Court that he was a messenger in the Sanitary Department, and said that he delivered a notice to the Correspondents' Club on June 6.

As he was entering the Club, said witness, he met a Chinese man who asked him what he wanted. On being told that he (witness) wanted to see the Club's secretary to serve a notice on him, the Chinese man said that he was an employee, and that he was the Secretary who was out at the time.

The witness said that he handed the notice over to the Chinese man, who said his name was Kwai Chung.

#### Cross-Examination

Cross-examined by Mr Remedios, the admitted he did not know the actual position held by the Chinese man in the Club.

Mr Remedios: For all you know, then, he might have been a stranger in the Club?—No, he told me that he was an employee.

Counsel objected to this answer, stating that it was hearsay. Mr Lo ruled that it was not hearsay but, recorded Mr Remedios' formal objection.

Mr Remedios: Do you know that this notice never reached the hands of the Secretary?—No, I didn't know.

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT THE RITZ

The Hongkong Concert Orchestra has now established itself as a provider of very pleasant entertainment, and the Ritz was packed last night for the Christmas concert.

It is something of an achievement to have put on three of these concerts already this season, and the standard of performance last night showed that this was not a "scratch" affair but much hard work had been put into it by the Conductor, Mr V. Ardy, and his orchestra.

Mr V. Ardy, and his orchestra, were, in fact, a very good one, and the programme, consisting of popular tunes, music hall melodies, and seasonal songs, was well received. The "Classical" was represented by Beethoven's Overture to "The

### Crown Says Men Were Caught Red-Handed

Two men who were alleged to have been caught red-handed on the premises appeared on trial before Mr Justice James Wicks in the Criminal Sessions this morning charged with robbery with aggravation, attempting to choke, assault (alternative) and housebreaking.

Accused were Fong Ming, 24, and Lam Fat-cheung, 38, both temporary workers. They were charged with robbing Tsui Tze, an amah, at No. 58 Kowloon City Road, first floor, on October 21, 1955, of one gold finger ring; attempting to choke Tsui Tze with intent to commit a robbery; assaulting Tsui Tze occasioning actual bodily harm; and breaking and entering into the premises and stealing two gold finger rings, a gold neck chain, a pair of gold ear-rings, a wristwatch and \$500, the property of Chan Lal-wah, a factory girl.

Mr G. R. Sneath, Crown Counsel, prosecuted. Present for the Police was Det. Sub. Insp. Hung Hung-yong. Accused were not represented by Counsel.

A jury of four men and three women has been empanelled.

Mr Sneath said that the facts were very simple and in his opinion the Jury would be asked to return verdicts of guilty in each case. This was a case in which the men were caught red-handed on the spot, he said.

Early on the morning of October 21 last the two accused rang the doorbell of the first floor of No. 58 Kowloon City Road. The door was opened to them by a young woman, Luk Kwok-mui, who worked at a nearby factory and was one of several other young girls working in that factory who was on the premises at that time.

#### PARCEL FOR GIRL

After the door was opened first accused made representations to her that he had come to deliver a parcel for Chan Lal-wah, one of the other girls who worked in the factory. The parcel was handed over to Luk who told first accused that Chan was not in.

Crown Counsel said that first accused then expressed a desire to leave a message for Chan. He was given pen and paper whereupon he commenced to write at a table. The second accused was with him also entered the flat.

There was an old amah who worked in the flat. She was on the premises at the time and "now appeared on the scene." The woman who was over 50 years of age walked into the room and watched first accused write the message. In the meantime Luk left the premises.

#### CAUGHT BY NECK

As the amah also turned to leave the first accused caught her by the neck. She cried out, "Robbers, save life!" and "the attack on her really developed," said Mr Sneath. The second accused also seized her by the neck and forced her to the ground and the two began to choke the woman. A gold finger ring she was wearing was taken from her and later found in the possession of the second accused, he said.

The old woman having been rendered helpless, the flat was ransacked, and in particular a suitcase was broken open and the property listed in the fourth charge was taken.

A defective sergeant and two detective constables who happened to be nearby heard the shouts of the old woman and rushed up to the premises. They kicked open the door and there were these men caught red-handed said Crown Counsel.

#### MEN SEARCHED

The two men were searched. On the person of the second accused was found a gold ring, and on the first accused's person was found most of the property of the fourth charge.

Mr Sneath said that Chan Lal-wah would say that she did not know the first accused and the message he wrote bore a false name and meant nothing to her.

The old amah was later examined by the Police Surgeon who would say that apart from her lips being swollen and bruised there were bleeding pin-points on the cheeks and in the whites of the eyes, which in Counsel's submission were caused by the "severe" choking which was administered to this old woman.

Hearing is continuing.

### Threw Stone At Child, Hit Showcase

"You mustn't throw stones at a child even if he made fun of you," said Mr W. F. Pickering at Central this morning and discharged Lee Chik-wai, 23, unemployed, residing at 309 Queen's Road, West, ground floor, for malicious damage to property exceeding \$25.

The Prosecution said that defendant was seen throwing a stone at the glass pane of a showcase of the Tai Shung Wong Laundry shop at 1D Water Street at 4.20 p.m. on December 18.

Defendant pleaded guilty to the charge. He said that a child teased him, and he picked up a stone and threw it at the child. The stone missed the child and unfortunately hit the showcase.

### Wedding Celebrated

A dinner reception, attended by over 200 guests, was held at the Kam Ling Restaurant last night to celebrate the recent wedding in Sydney, Australia, of Mr and Mrs Thomas Wong, of 61 Shing Wo Road, Hongkong.

Mr and Mrs Wong were married at St Mary's Basilica and came back to the Colony on an extended honeymoon last week. They will return to Australia early next year.

Mr Wong is the eldest son of Mr Andrew N. Wong, proprietor of the China New Guinea Mercantile Co., and Mrs Wong of Shing Wo Road. He was educated at Toowoomba, Queensland.

Mrs Wong was the former Miss Chan Lai-chun, daughter of Mr Chan Hon-man of Shing Wo Road, Hongkong.

### PICKPOCKETS ACTIVE

Hongkong's pickpockets have been very active over the weekend. In all there were ten cases of pickpocketing reported to the Police, three of them having taken place in the CMU Exhibition ground.

The Police issued a warning to the public this morning to be especially careful in crowds where one is jostled and pushed around. This is a favorite hunting ground for light-fingered experts.

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### Cat Burglar Ends Up In Hospital

A suspected cat burglar, who is thought to have broken into a flat in Happy Valley and stolen a gold wrist watch early this morning, ended up in hospital in a serious condition after falling from the third floor of a house.

A 30-year-old Chinese woman, who was sleeping on the ground floor of 10 Sing Wo Road, Happy Valley, was awakened at 2.50 a.m. today by a loud bang outside her window.

She turned on the light and, looking out of the window, saw a Chinese crouching in the yard. While she blew her police whistle, the man climbed the wall of 14 Sing Wo Road, where he was arrested by two men and handed over to the Police.

The resident of the third floor of 10 Sing Wo Road, awakened by the commotion on the ground floor, found that his watch had been stolen. He later identified his watch which was found on the suspect, who was taken to the hospital suffering from shock and serious head injuries.

### Ticket-Scalpers Caught

Yesterday's football game between South China and Eastern was such a sell-out that two scalpers were offering \$2.40 admission tickets for \$10 each.

This morning at Central, Wan Hung 35 and Tung Ping-kwong, 18, were fined \$75 and \$150 respectively by Mr J. E. Durling for unauthorised sale of football tickets.

### Radio Hongkong

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